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**'WEMBLEY FINAL SAVE
NOT MY GREATEST'**

says JIM MONTGOMERY

Exclusive interview

OSVALDO ARDILES
HIS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

**An exclusive interview with the
World Cup Champions' star whose
performances have consistently thrilled fans
since he joined Spurs
— by SHOOT's Chris Davies**

IF Osvaldo Ardiles isn't chosen as Player of the Year by his fellow professionals when the P.F.A. awards are announced on March 18th, I shall lose all faith in footballers being the most reliable judges of each other.

Ardiles is, quite simply the best thing to happen to English football since Liam Brady emerged a few years ago — and the Republic of Ireland star is Osvaldo's only serious rival for the players' award.

Those who doubted Ardiles' ability to adapt to English soccer — me included — have long eaten humble pie. Spurs have been the top crowd-pullers this season and the reason isn't the team, it's Ardiles. And few of the hundreds of thousands of fans who have paid to watch the tiny Argentinian midfielder have been disappointed. Cliff Lloyd, secretary of the P.F.A., is bitterly opposed to Ardiles and other foreigners playing in the League because they restrict the opportunities for British players. Perhaps the best judges are the supporters and the way they've turned up in their thousands to see Ardiles makes Lloyd's argument very thin indeed.

'I feel very much at home in England'

Yet, despite being a World Cup winner and now, arguably, Britain's top crowd-puller, Ardiles is embarrassed at all the adulation.

His manager, Keith Burkinshaw, says: "I admire the humility of the lad. He doesn't like going on T.V. or being singled out. To him, he is just a member of the team."

"I must say, though, he is typical of the Argentine people I've met. They've had so much bad publicity, with one thing or another, yet they are possibly the most genuine race I've ever met. Ossie and Ricky Villa haven't given me one moment's trouble since they arrived."

Ardiles was embarrassed when I suggested he would win the players' award.

"I'm honoured that you think I have a chance, but I don't think I'll win. There are too many good players around."

The 26-year-old Argentinian isn't what the Sunday newspapers would call 'good copy'. You'll never see a headline 'Ardiles Drug Scandal', nor will he have gambling debts or make the Nigel Dempster page (even though his visit to Evita on February 20th would be called mildly controversial back home!).

You don't expect someone who has studied to be a solicitor to make headlines other than for what he does on the field, and that is exactly Ardiles' style. His English is first-class, but he still prefers to let his feet do the talking.

It's seven months since Keith Burkinshaw stunned the soccer world by paying three quarters of a million pounds for Ardiles and Ricardo Villa.

When Ardiles says he is very happy now, he adds that it's all been a bit of a surprise.

"To be honest, I thought I'd have a colder reception. Or rather, we'd have a colder reception. I wondered whether there would be any jealousy because we're foreign and I didn't build up my hopes too much."

"I was somewhat apprehensive and arrived with reservations and an open mind. Everyone has shown me great respect and all the people have been so polite."

"English people are well-mannered and everything has been well-organised. All I miss about Argentina is the rest of my family, nothing else. I feel very much at home in England."

Ardiles lives with his wife Sylvia, sons Pablo and Federico and his mother-in-law five minutes' drive from Spurs' training ground in Cheshunt. The Villas are neighbours.

"It would have been much more difficult had I been alone, but Spurs had the initiative to sign the pair of us."

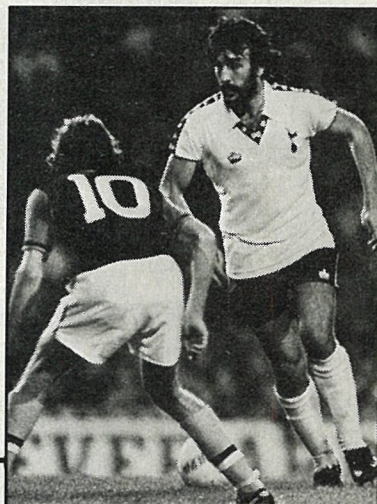
"Ricardo and I became friends when he was called up into the national team in 1976. We shared a room in the José C. Paz training ground for the World Cup and it certainly has been a help, while we're learning English, to be able to talk to each other."

"I have other friends from Argentina in London... a doctor and the Argentinian consul, for instance. And I count everyone at Spurs as my friend."

Ardiles is surprised that people are surprised he's playing so well.

"I always put everything into my game and even though I'd only encountered icy pitches twice before, during a European tour with Argentina, I've had no problems adapting. The team has been fairly settled and the cold weather

Osvaldo Ardiles PLAYER OF THE YEAR?



Ricardo Villa... took a while to settle in.

doesn't bother me. We have winners in Argentina, too, but once you start running around you quickly become warm.

"I prefer not to be singled out; after all, football is a team effort and all the Spurs players have helped me settle down. I haven't completely come to terms with the English game, of course. I learn something new every match.

"The main difference I've found is that the game here is faster with a continuous rhythm. Perhaps it's technically slower, with less one-two's, although all the players seem to know where each other is."

Ask Ardiles who has been the biggest influence on his career and his eyes light up. He talks about César Luis Menotti with unashamed warmth and, like all the Argentina players, Ardiles worships the ground Menotti stubs his 80 cigarettes a day out on.

"Before Menotti took over the national team I was a good player. He made me a great player... the player I am today. I can't speak highly enough of him or thank him for what he's done for me.

"Everyday was a battle for him. It may sound strange now as we won the World Cup, but initially he had a lot of opposition. There were moves to have Menotti ousted.

"He is very much a players' manager. He would come to us after a game and say: 'Boys, I loved watching you play today,' and he meant it. This transmits itself to the players."

'I prefer not to be singled-out'

Menotti's future is uncertain. He has been in dispute with the Argentine F.A. over his new contract and Ardiles is sad that the man who put Argentine soccer on top of the world may leave.

"He hasn't asked for a great deal of money. In fact, by asking for what he has he has virtually asked to stay on. But there are problems and the A.F.A. say it's too much. It would be a tragedy if he left."

An Argentine sports magazine ran an editorial recently implying that players who had left for foreign parts after the World Cup were traitors.

"No, I don't think that, although Menotti, as the figurehead, is under more pressure than any of the players. I had the opportunity to better myself and so did some of the others. Is there anything wrong in this?"

Ardiles played against England in 1977, yet few of the England stars really remember his contribution. It was during his 470 minutes of World Cup action that Ardiles came to prominence and in his six games showed the sort of perception and vision we can count ourselves lucky to see regularly these days.

"The Mundial, as we call it, was the highest level at which I could possibly play. I'll never get over the emotion of winning the World Cup in my own country. It was my dream even since I was a boy.

"I remember the fervour... the marvellous welcome our fans gave us every time we came out... the way our people celebrated in the streets afterwards... and a big



woman who was always at the stadium to greet us with a crucifix."

Since then, domestic football in Argentina has slumped and of the players who won the World Cup, only Ardiles and goalkeeper Fillol have shown top form (although Fillol was sent-off for hitting an opponent, then promptly thumped a photographer who made a nasty remark as he went off).

"I don't know the answer. It's all a question of economics and the organisation of our Championships. Players, like everyone else, want more money and it's a fact of soccer life that we can earn more in Europe. What can be done? You tell me.

"Everyone of us gave everything we could during the World Cup. Some kind of reaction... anticlimax... was inevitable. The players who went abroad faced additional problems, of course, of a new country and a different style of football.

'The game here is faster'

"Tarantini has a psychological disadvantage because Birmingham City are doing badly.

"Ricardo took a while to show his best form, but I think initially he was played out of position. He is happiest not up-front, but in the middle of the field."

A problem for Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw is that when Ardiles and Villa play together in midfield, it usually means no place for White Hart Lane favourite Glenn Hoddle. Understandably, the England Under 21 star is frustrated at not having a regular place and there have been whispers he, like Neil McNab, may be leaving.

Ardiles says: "I don't see this as a problem, not for me anyway. I think Glenn is an exceptional player, but it's not a me-or-him or him-or-me situation. I know he's popular with the fans, yet I prefer to concentrate on my own game. Glenn has a good future ahead, I'm

sure of that."



sure of that."

The only weakness in Ardiles' play is his inability to score goals. He has yet to score for Spurs and, for the record, in his 42 international appearances he has scored against Venezuela twice, Chile, Bulgaria and Uruguay.

"Although I'm not primarily a goalscorer, I am worried. My job is to destroy defences and create openings for others. However, I have been going forward more and should have made my mark by now. The manager hasn't said anything, but I hope to do better in this respect."

'I'd like to play against Scotland'

Off the park, Ardiles has adapted to the English way of life.

"We still have English lessons for two hours, three times a week. Mind you, being foreign can be a help. For instance, I can walk through a door that says 'no entry' and claim I don't understand! Opponents often say things to me which I now know the meaning of, but I tell them I don't.

"London is relatively cheap,

except for food and transport. The food? As long as it's nice I'll eat it!"

We may have the chance to see Ardiles in action for Argentina again in June, when Scotland entertain the World Champions.

"I'd like to play, but I'm not sure that I will. Perhaps we'll have a new manager and he will have a new team. It wouldn't be fair for him to disrupt the side."

Ardiles will definitely be returning to Argentina for a summer (their winter!) holiday before coming back to begin his second season in England. His contract is for three years. And after that...?

"It's too early to say. I may stop playing. I may play on in England, I don't know."

In the meantime, I suggest Ardiles starts rehearsing his speech for the players' dinner next month. And if the players don't make him the Player of the Year, I'm sure the football writers will. And, perhaps, you SHOOT readers will vote him the Most Exciting Player of the Year.

He'll be embarrassed — but as Ardiles has been like a breath of fresh air to our football, he certainly deserves some sort of coveted accolade.

Five experienced goalies answer questions about their past, present and future

'KEEPERS



KEVIN KEELAN
Norwich City



JIM MONTGOMERY
Birmingham City

How difficult is it to motivate yourself?

I feel like a kid that's just started playing. I love every minute and look forward to Saturday afternoons with enthusiasm. I dislike playing on snow or ice and I find I have to push myself hard to go out when the weather is bad.

No problem. I still enjoy every minute of being involved in professional football. My one complaint is I dislike the long-distance running in training. But, apart from that, no complaints.

What do you rank as your best save?

Rather than just one save, I prefer to think of a game when I've pulled off a number. One match this season was against rivals Ipswich Town on Boxing Day. A local derby is always special and it was very satisfying to have a good 90 minutes.

It is not the one I made for Sunderland from Leeds' Peter Lorimer in the 1973 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley! I rate the one I made in a League game at Huddersfield a few seasons earlier better. Just before the interval, the ball was crossed to Len White. He caught it right but I managed to beat it away. It was a crucial save and we went on to win 3-0.

What is the worst moment in your career?

It was in my first game for Norwich at Cardiff City, which produced a moment that still haunts me. We were on the attack when one of our strikers was penalised in their penalty-area. The great John Charles took the kick and to my amazement it travelled fully 75 yards and sailed over my head into the back of the net.

I can't remember the season, but it was against Manchester United at Roker Park in an F.A. Cup replay after we had drawn 3-3 at Old Trafford. Sunderland were awarded a goal-kick and as I ran up to take it, I kicked the ground and the ball trickled out of the penalty-area to Denis Law of all people. He never missed those chances.

Who is the most deadly striker you have faced in the Football League?

Cyrille Regis could become one of the best. He gives me no peace at all, as he proved when he scored a fine goal for West Brom at Carrow Road in January. He pounced on a mistake in our box and punished us for it with a shot into the far corner of the net.

Denis Law and Jimmy Greaves were on a par. Both had an eye for goal in or around the penalty-area. They were lethal, as I found to my cost many times during their careers.

You are obviously enjoying your football — how long can you continue?

I have a three-year contract with Norwich City and have every intention of seeing it through as long as I remain fit and enjoy my game.

The day it becomes a chore will be the time to pack up. At the moment, I am loving every minute and I feel I have a good few seasons in me yet.

Who do you rate as the finest goalkeeper?

Gordon Banks would have been my outright choice but I believe Peter Shilton has now joined him. Shilton's game has improved immeasurably since joining Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest. He must now rank as one of the best in the world.

Gordon Banks had everything — a safe pair of hands, anticipation and concentration. He was fortunate at England level to have a good defence in front of him and was not called upon to make many saves, but when he was he handled it competently. Of today's goalkeepers Pat Jennings must push Banks close. He has performed consistently for club and country.

Who is the most promising up-and-coming young goalkeeper you've seen?

I agree with Jim Montgomery and Peter Bonetti and reckon if Gary Bailey continues to progress he will go on to win full international honours.

Gary Bailey, the youngster at Manchester United, has impressed me when I've seen him. He has bags of confidence. Proof of his dramatic rise this season was his inclusion in the England Under-21 side. He is definitely one to watch.

ON THE SPOT



**PETER
BONETTI**
Chelsea

I've played well over 700 first team games for Chelsea yet I'm still enjoying my football as much as when I started. I've no complaints about training, I'm just as keen to keep in trim for vital matches. Every game becomes a challenge to me.

I'm in a similar position to Orient's John Jackson. No save fingers in the mind. I've obviously made a save or two during my career, but not one that stands out most. But if I've got to choose between them, it's got to be my Cup Final saves in 1970 against Leeds. There was so much at stake. One slip and we might have had loser's medals instead of winners.

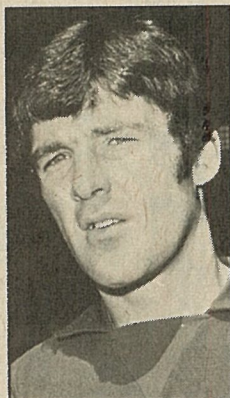
I'm not a great believer in dwelling on past history. But one goal put down to my mistake I will never forget came during the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico. England were playing West Germany in the Quarter-Finals. With the match well into extra-time, the ball was headed back into the six-yard box to Gerd Muller, who scored the winner. I should have gathered the ball.

Every striker has given me some sort of trouble during a game. There are just too many to mention. All goalgetters have their special kind of outstanding quality. Whenever possible, I make the point to watch as much football on T.V. I then try to make mental notes of strikers who I'm likely to meet. Jimmy Greaves was a great striker with both Chelsea and Tottenham.

I've enjoyed a marvellous career with Chelsea. But, I have definitely made up my mind to retire at the end of the season. I could carry on for a few years yet but I've decided to go into business. I've bought a lovely little hotel on a small island just off Scotland. There have been no complaints about my decision. Chelsea's manager Danny Blanchflower is happy with my plans.

There are three goalkeepers whom I regard as first class. Peter Shilton, Pat Jennings and Ray Clemence, have all played with supreme consistency over the years. But I must go for Gordon Banks. He conceded very few goals both at club and international level. The best in his position.

The one to look out for the future is Manchester United's Gary Bailey. He's shown great confidence since his debut this season. He has impressed me with his positioning and handling of crosses. One to watch.



**BOBBY
CLARK**
Aberdeen

I find there is absolutely no need for any extra motivation at this stage of my career. I realise I cannot go on playing for ever and that is why each game is so important to me.

When we beat Celtic 2-1 in the League Cup Final two years ago I made a save from Ronnie Glavin which I considered to be one of my best. I anticipated the move even before the ball landed at Glavin's feet and when it did arrive in the penalty-area I was right off my line to block the Celtic player's effort. It wasn't a particularly exciting save, but it meant a lot to me.

There have been several times when I have wanted the ground to open up and swallow me because in a goalkeeper's position you can be a hero one moment, a villain the next. One of my worst memories was a 5-0 defeat by England in the Centenary match at Hampden several years ago. Honestly, my first two touches of the ball were to retrieve it from the back of the net!

Fortunately the best striker I have faced is now my Aberdeen team-mate Joe Harper. Really, Joe is uncanny when it comes to sticking the ball away. I have faced him when he has played for Morton and Hibs and he has given me an extremely tough time of it on those occasions. Kenny Dalglish, too, is another scorer with amazing reflexes.

That's a very personal question. My only reply can be I hope to play for as long as I possibly can. I'll move when it is time to quit and I know that that will be my saddest experience in football. At the moment I am taking every game as it comes and enjoying every single one of them.

One goalkeeper who has always impressed me is Dino Zoff of Juventus and Italy. I've watched him on many occasions and I'd like to say that his anticipation is quite extraordinary. He makes a difficult save look so simple and that, to me, is the hallmark of a superb goalkeeper.

Aberdeen are extremely fortunate to have two of the best young 'keepers in Scotland at the moment in Jim Leighton and John Gardiner. Both boys have tremendous ability and incredible potential. I can tell you I cannot relax for even one second when there are two of this calibre waiting in the wings.



**JOHN
JACKSON**
Orient

I have no trouble at all in motivating myself. I've got the same, if not more, feeling for the game, than I had when I started playing. I still train as hard as possible and my love for the game hasn't diminished.

There isn't a particular save that stands above the rest when I consider I've saved hundreds of goal chances. There have been times when I made ordinary saves, but team-mates have raved about them. Although I did punch a ball off the swinging boot of Trevor Whymark (Ipswich) in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round this season that really gave me tremendous satisfaction.

I don't like mentioning it, but I have dropped some right clangers. My worst moment was probably leaving Crystal Palace, my first club.

I have come face to face with some of the all-time great strikers. But Denis Law, former Manchester United and Scotland scorer, was tops for me. His goalscoring was incredible. If United were to beat us 5-3, it was odds-on Denis would get a hat-trick. He was lethal around the penalty-area.

Whilst in America during the summer I sometimes got the chance to see Kevin Keelan. We had great after-match conversations. One evening I bet Kevin I would last longer than him. I know I have a couple of years to catch up. But seriously, if I can stay happy, I'm sure I can carry on for a few years yet.

I must put Gordon Banks top of the goalies chart. He was a great club man and a superb international. Defenders must have grown in stature, with Banks behind them. I believe he brought goalkeeping into recognition. He's done so much for the likes of Shilton and Clemence. Gordon's my number one.

There are several young goalkeepers that could hit the headlines in the future. By all accounts Tony Godden, of West Brom, is having a fine season. I've noticed in the Second Division there are some fine youngsters coming through the ranks. Martin Thomas, of Bristol Rovers, is useful, and Peter McDonnell, at Oldham.

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Gordon's record

I'd like to know Gordon Hill's record before he was signed by Derby?

JOHN HUNTER,
LONDONDERRY

● Gordon began his League career with Millwall, John, where he scored 20 goals in 79 full League games (plus seven as sub) before being transferred to Manchester United.

At Old Trafford, he played 100 League games before moving on to Derby on 21st April, 1978.

Mansfield Town

As my favourite team in England is Mansfield Town, can you tell me the highest position they've ever had in the League; their biggest win; and their best home attendance?

WILLIAM CARTER,
U.S.A.

● 21st in the Second Division in 1977-78, William, is Mansfield's best finishing position in their one-and-only season in the Second Division.

The Stags' record League victory is that of beating Rotherham 9-2 in the old Third Division (North) on 27th December, 1932.

Their best-ever gate is 24,467 for a Third Round F.A. Cup-tie against Nottingham Forest on 10th January, 1953.

Wrexham's first

As a loyal Wrexham supporter, I'd like to know the result of their first-ever Football League match?

DAVID OWEN,
WREXHAM

● Formed as long ago as 1873... as you probably know, David, Wrexham are the oldest club in Wales.

However, they didn't make League status until the old Third Division (North) was formed in 1921.

But it wasn't quite the happiest of debuts — they were beaten 2-0 at home by Hartlepool.

Johnny Giles

Could you please tell me exactly how many games Johnny Giles played in the Football League?

GERARD McFADDEN,
EIRE

● Giles kicked-off his illustrious League career with 98 games (ten goals) for Manchester United, Gerard. Then followed 381 League games (86 goals) for Leeds, and another 75 (three goals) for West Bromwich. During this time, Johnny didn't do too badly in Cup and international games, either!

Opposing captains

Have two players from the same club ever been opposing captains in a full international match?

GARY ROBERTS,
LLANGFNI

● As far as British clubs are concerned, Gary, I can find only one such instance. That was at Ninian Park, Cardiff, on 16th February, 1924 — when two "locals" from Cardiff City were the men concerned.

Then Fred Keenor skippered Wales to a 2-0 victory over Scotland — captained by his club-mate, Joe Blair.

96 in a season

Who's scored the highest number of goals in a single season of first-class football in the United Kingdom?

PETER TAGGART,
PORTADOWN

● A goal-happy chap named Fred Roberts holds that record, Peter — and it's one I can't see ever being beaten now.

Roberts bagged a combined total of 96 goals for Glentoran in officially-recognised first-class games in the 1930-31 season — 55 in the Irish League; four in the Irish Cup; 28 in the Belfast City Cup; seven in the County Antrim Shield; and two in the Belfast Charity Cup.

SHORT PASSES

● Former England skipper Billy Wright set up a world record by playing in 70 consecutive full internationals between October, 1951 and May, 1959.

(KENNY HILL, Liverpool)

● Steve Heighway and Jimmy Case joined Liverpool from the non-League clubs, Skelmersdale and South Liverpool, respectively.

(DAUD BIN YACOB, Malaysia)

● Birmingham's famous Harry Hibbs played in goal for England in 25 full internationals between 1930 and 1936.

(PHILIP BATTERSBY, Birmingham)

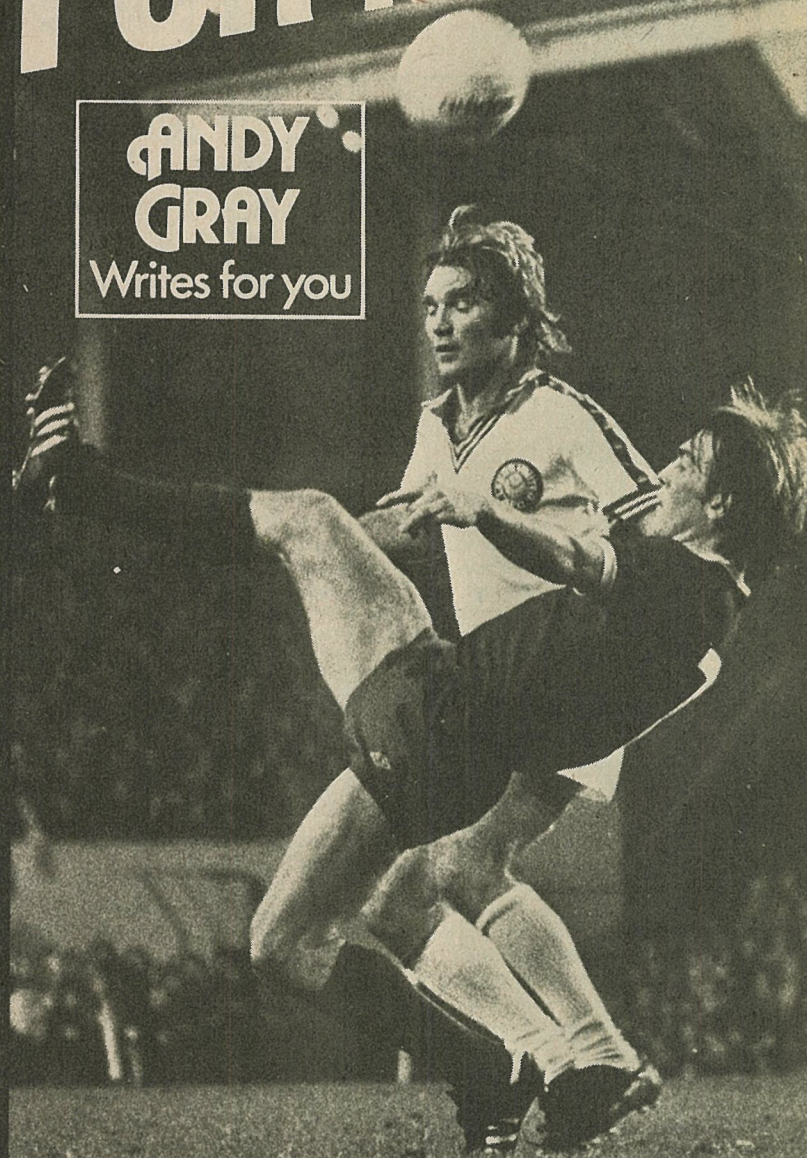
● Middlesbrough were elected to the League in 1899, and have played at Ayresome Park since 1903.

(JULIE HARKER, Stockton)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

'CURRIE'S THE TOPS FOR ME'

ANDY
GRAY
Writes for you



"Tony Currie and
Kenny Dalglish are
in my Team of the
Year."

MEMBERS of the Professional Footballers' Association are currently filling in their Players and Team of the Year forms. From talking to the other Villa lads, I know we all take this seriously. No one sits down and writes the first name that comes into his head.

I spent a lot of time choosing my team, especially. I may not have played many times this season, but I've still been able to assess opponents from the stands and, of course, television keeps everybody in touch with what's happening.

My Player of the Year is unquestionably TONY CURRIE, the Leeds United captain. His performance at Villa Park this season was just about the best individual effort I've seen at the ground. We led 2-0, and it was Tony's inspiration that allowed Leeds to leave with a point. I think he's 28 or 29 now and is at his peak — this is certainly his best-ever season. I like the way he controls a

tions were relatively easy . . . others made me think for a long time.

There is just a hair's breadth between Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton. Really, Ron Greenwood is fortunate to have them both available for England. As I had to plump for one of them, I selected PETER SHILTON by the narrowest of margins. Peter has worked hard at his game and his consistency since joining Forest has been remarkable. He may be the man in possession of the England jersey but it could easily return to Ray. Playing for Forest — a fine side — has obviously helped Peter, but he's done as much, possibly even more, than anyone in their success over the past couple of seasons.

I stayed with Forest for my right-back. As we can't pick team-mates, John Gidman was ruled out, but VIV ANDERSON is a very similar player, not inhibited and never afraid to express himself. Viv is always on the

look-out for a pop at goal. Those who saw his almost unbelievable swerving shot against Everton at Goodison Park — which bent as much as any other shot I've seen — will never forget it. I wish I'd scored it!

My choice for left-back may surprise you: BOBBY McDONALD. Bobby was sold to Coventry City by Villa a few years ago, but at the time I thought he would make the grade. There aren't that many good Scottish full-backs around and I reckon it's just a matter of time before Bob is called up by Jock Stein. I believe he's been an ever-present for the past couple of years and I particularly like the way Bobby supports his front men.

Dominant

In the centre of my defence I went for a club partnership. There were two candidates — Arsenal's David O'Leary and Willie Young and West Brom's JOHN WILE and ALISTAIR ROBERTSON. The Albion pair are, I feel, the most dominant defenders in the League; they give absolutely nothing away, I can assure you, and they have worked up a first-class understanding.

John is a good skipper and I think he must receive a lot of respect from his team-mates. Alistair may not attract too many headlines, although inside the game, he is rated very highly. He's a no-nonsense defender — another Scot . . . it's a shame for him that with Martin Buchan, Kenny Burns and

Tom Forsyth his international chances are restricted.

Needless to say, two of my three midfielders are TONY CURRIE and LIAM BRADY.

Liam Brady is the sort of player I'd loved to have been had I had more skill. Liam's technique is unlimited and although he sometimes has a couldn't-care-less look about him, Brady can win a game with one flash of genius.

I remember seeing him on T.V. against Notts County in the F.A. Cup. When he collected the ball there seemed to be no danger. He looked around, went forward, beat three players and laid on a goal for Brian Talbot. That's class.

I've already spoken about Tony Currie and to supplement these two ball-players I wanted a dynamo . . . someone whose competitive nature is necessary to allow those with more flair to show their skills.

JOHN WARK of Ipswich Town has impressed me every time I've seen him. Don't think of him just as a ball-winner, because he's much more than that. He scores some real beauties from 25 yards and, having played against him, I know he's as hard as nails, but fair.

I'll be accused of bias, so far I've selected three Scots and two more are in my attack . . . KENNY DALGLISH, CYRILLE REGIS and JOHN ROBERTSON.

Okay, Kenny isn't scoring as many goals this season as he has in the past, but in my book he is still the most complete forward in the game. His all-round skills make him invaluable to a team and there was no way I could leave him out. Kenny is always involved in the game and while he may not be scoring regularly he still contributes total effort.

Regis is one of the most exciting players to emerge in years and with the wing-service he receives from John Robertson, my front-line would be lethal.

John is the best orthodox winger around and I haven't seen a better or more accurate crosser of the ball this season. The Forest man does a lot of work OFF the ball as well, his appetite for the game is tremendous. You'll often see him picking up the ball on the edge of his own penalty-area and this makes him a difficult customer to mark.

That, then, is my team. I wouldn't mind being part of it myself, and if it played this Saturday, I wouldn't bet against it!

Touch wood, my knee is progressing nicely. I've started running and I'm certainly on schedule. I don't want to say when I'll be back — although I'm happy with the way things are going.

Join me again in a fortnight.

Andy Green



LEFT:
"West Brom's
John Wile is an
inspiring
captain."

BELOW:
"In action
against Liam
Brady, whose
skill I admire
tremendously."



game and those who have criticised him for lack of work-rate would have to eat their words on his current form.

There were two candidates for my Young Player of the Year . . . Cyrille Regis and Liam Brady. What swayed me was the way CYRILLE REGIS has been like a breath of fresh air to the First Division. He's new, exciting and — okay, so I'm biased because he's a centre-forward — scores goals regularly. I particularly like the way he seems to enjoy his football. It's hard to believe that he was snapped up for a mere £5,000 from Hayes not so long ago. Now, he is knocking on the door of the full England team and if he continues to progress as he has, he'll surely win a cap.

For my team, I didn't go for 11 individuals. I opted for a 4-3-3 formation and while one or two posi-

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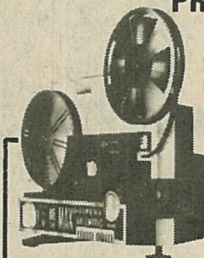
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Big Jack goes for TV coaching 'double'

BIG Jack Charlton is as forthright in a coaching session as he was boldly uncompromising at the heart of Leeds United's and England's defence for more than a decade.

Who else would line-up a group of young professionals for a training session and address them thus: "You might think I'm a bit cruel in training — and I am!"

He then put the squad, all apprentice professionals at Newcastle United, through a punishing routine that would not have raised eyebrows in a French Foreign Legion barrack square.

"Come on lad, faster, faster, faster. Move, move, move . . ." he boomed across the training pitch. "Good, good, great — take a rest."

He allows a smile to spread across that gawky face and places a long, boney arm across the heaving shoulders of a player as the youngster fights for breath.

Hollywood

The only difference between this stint of training and those Charlton conducts at Sheffield Wednesday is that four television cameras were deployed in strategic positions around the pitch, Charlton was wired from head to boot under his track suit for sound, and men with earphones moved around stealthily as if they were running a Hollywood film set.

Big Jack was in the process of making his second coaching series for Tyne Tees Television called "Positive Soccer With Jack Charlton". It is already being screened to the enjoyment of thousands of football fans across the country.

It makes compelling viewing for a special reason. The programmes are unscripted. Charlton insisted on conducting the half-hour programmes from a basic format, preferring to veer off at

unexpected angles if situations arose which needed pursuing. Nothing is stereotyped. Mistakes by youngsters in shooting, control or passing are given the same exposure as those which are performed to perfection.

It is as impromptu as a David Frost TV special with a live studio audience.

"You be Bettega," beams Jack, encouraging a youngster to pretend he is the Italian international. Charlton is asked by the youngster whether he means Benetti, another Italian star, to which Wednesday's manager smiles and says wryly: "Bettega, Benetti, Mendelssohn . . . they're all the same to me. Now let's get on with it."

He can be amusingly blunt. Asked afterwards whether he encouraged players to kick with their "wrong" foot, he said simply: "Yes, I always tell my players at Wednesday to try things with their 'wrong' foot. If they don't know where the ball is going when they strike it, how the hell are the opposition to know what is happening?"

He has firm views, too, on coaching schoolchildren at primary schools.

"All children of that age want to do is play the game. So let them play," he urged. "The more movement, competitiveness and goals the better children of that age like it."

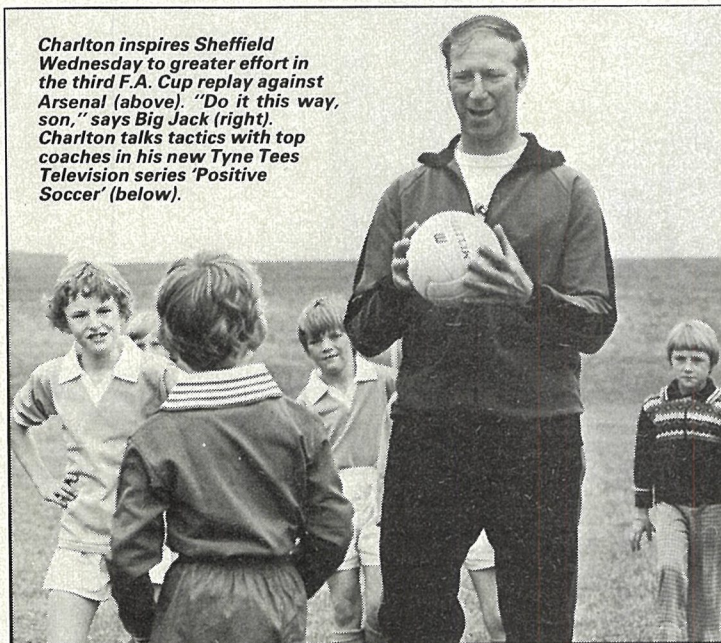
"It's important for teachers to give them the basics, to teach them to do the simple things."

Charlton's first coaching series won a major award against competition from 34 other countries at the 21st International Film and Television Festival of New York just before Christmas.

This series could scorch to a television award 'double'.



Charlton inspires Sheffield Wednesday to greater effort in the third F.A. Cup replay against Arsenal (above). "Do it this way, son," says Big Jack (right). Charlton talks tactics with top coaches in his new Tyne Tees Television series 'Positive Soccer' (below).





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TOMMY BOOTH
Manchester City

SHOOT!

HOW TO WIN AWAY

I HAVE mentioned Barcelona fans were worried by their team's poor away performances. The Catalan side has been playing great stuff at home, averaging four goals per game, but they've done next-to-nothing away.

Now the players themselves seem to have found the answer — they say their bonus for away wins isn't big enough and doesn't give them enough incentive. At the moment they receive "only" £525 a head, and reckon their away form would improve if the figure was increased to £700.

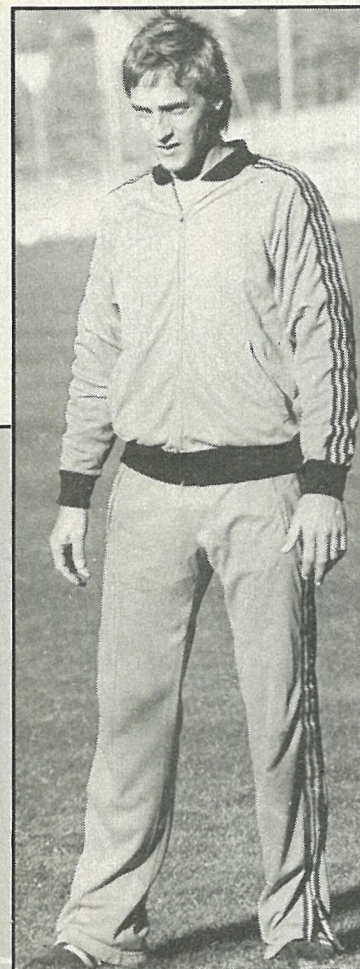
WORLDWIDE

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ACTION BEFORE THE MATCH

THE Antwerp derby game between Antwerp FC and Beerschot was a terrific match which ended 2-2. However, there was plenty of action the day before the clash, too.

Beerschot fans broke into the stadium and painted the names of their players everywhere. Not content with that, they painted the goal-posts black... and then dabbed the names of their heroes in white paint on the pitch. They also destroyed the goalnets and cut the wires to the electronic score-board.



No play at Borussia Mönchengladbach... but the groundsman managed to ensure one "player" had a feel of the ball!

FOREIGNERS ROW IN SPAIN

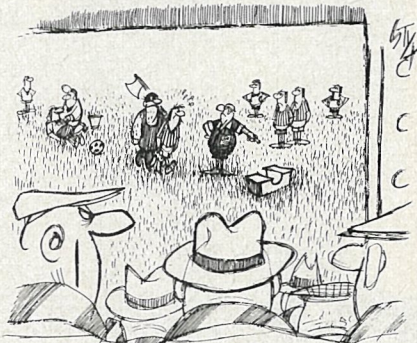
THERE'S a behind-the-scenes battle raging in Spain between the government's Consejo Superior de Deportes and the clubs. Everyone's agreed the flood of foreign players into Spain must be stemmed if the host nation is to have any chance of honours in the 1982 World Cup, and the CSD promptly ordered a total ban on foreign players.

But the clubs were aghast at the thought of a League without such crowd-pullers as Kempes, Krankl, Stielike, Neeskens (right) and Bonhof — and promptly rejected the ruling.

In an emergency meeting they decided the best solution is to limit each club to two foreign players plus two "oriundos" (South Americans who can claim Spanish ancestry). In addition, foreign players who have represented Spain at international level, such as Heredia, Rubén Cano and Roberto Martínez, will be considered as 100 percent Spaniards.

Even these new restrictions mean some clubs can still field a total of five foreign players, so the government is far from pleased.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"I told you that ref was tough"

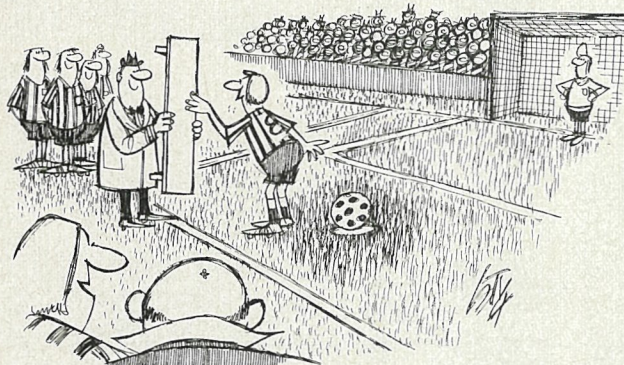


"Bit on the quiet side up this end, isn't it?"

"When their centre-forward broke through, with only the goalie to beat, did you blow your whistle?"



"It's funny, I can never truly nag you for having an off day, considering I've never truly seen you when you've had an on day"



"Very superstitious is our Albert, ref. Always touches wood before taking a penalty-kick"



This week York City's STEVE FAULKNER selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

NEWS FLASHES

Rivelino, back in Rio de Janeiro on holiday from the Middle East where he now plays told reporters he could be joining the Cosmos later this year. He's been approached by the American club and has even guested for them at times. The chairman of his club, El Helal, has told him he is prepared to listen to offers.

West German fans are re-naming the three leading candidates for the Bundesliga title. 1.FC Kaiserslautern is known as 1.FC Hellstrom, after Swedish goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom, who's in superb form. Hamburger SV are called the Kevin Keegan selection, while VfB Stuttgart have been nicknamed the Hansi Muller Team, after the West German midfielder.

Barcelona have refused Johan Cruyff permission to train with the first team in the Nou Camp. Interesting that the Dutchman is keeping himself match-fit . . .

West Germany played 13 internationals last year, winning five, drawing five and losing three — 21 goals for, 14 against, using 27 players. Of them, only Rainer Bonhof was an ever-present. The 0-0 draw with Hungary, abandoned by the referee, will still stand in the official records.

RIVER SUNK BY INDEPENDIENTE

INDEPENDIENTE have won Argentina's National Championships for the second successive year, and their hero was once again midfielder Ricardo Bochini. Last year he hit the last-gasp winner against Talleres and this time he scored the two goals that beat star-studded River Plate in the Final.

His first came after 20 minutes just when River were beginning to take command, and he settled the game with a spectacular volley after 56 minutes when the River defence failed to cut out a cross from Barberón.

But spare a thought for poor old River. They haven't been able to put a foot right all season and "Los Millonarios" have ended up with no honours and no chance to play in international tournaments next season. They made the mistake of neglecting the Metropolitan Championship, putting all their eggs in the Copa Libertadores basket.

That dream was shattered when arch-rivals Boca Juniors bundled them out of the Copa. River then hoped to make up lost ground by winning the National Championship, and certainly produced some impressive results on the way to the Final.

But those goals by Bochini once again shattered their hopes, and their super-star line-up (which included five World Cup players) is now likely to be broken up during the Argentinian close-season.

● Picture shows Villaverde (left) of Independiente beating River's Alonso to the ball.



NOTHING GOING RIGHT FOR KEMPES



THINGS are still going badly for Mario Kempes (above) in Spain. He's only scored five League goals this season, and during Valencia's 3-0 away defeat against Hércules he even missed a penalty!

Hércules were leading 1-0 when Mario crashed his spot-kick against the bar so hard the rebound reached the centre circle!

Yugoslav striker Kustodic went on to complete his hat-trick for the Alicante side to give them a rare three-goal victory (they've only scored three goals six times since being promoted in 1974) which puts Valencia manager Marcel Domingo in line for "the chop".

At the same time, Kempes' chances of overhauling Hans Krankl in the scoring charts now seem remote, as the Austrian striker was gleefully hitting five goals in Barcelona's 9-0 rout of Rayo Vallecano.

Krankl told SHOOT at the beginning of the season he'd be happy with 20 goals in his first season in Spain, but the 26-year-old striker had already notched 18 goals in the first half of the League programme.

But, while Barcelona fans were celebrating their team's biggest win for 25 years, the fact remains Barça really are the Jekyll-and-Hyde side of the Spanish League, having scored 32 goals at home and a mere eight away.

UNTIL Christmas and the bad weather intervened, the top clubs in Holland had all improved their average attendances this season. PSV, who played to almost capacity crowds every week last season, improved marginally from an excellent base; Feyenoord put an average of 2,375 on their crowds and Ajax jumped from 11,000 to 14,000. Pacemakers Roda JC of Kerkrade jumped from less than 10,000 per game to almost 14,000.

PREPARING for a game against Ascoli, Inter Milan travelled to a hotel 40 miles outside the town. To the horror of coach Bersellini, there were a lot of young girls in the hotel; he considered this "distraction" too much for his players on the eve of a match, so the team switched hotels.

SURPRISE in Costa Rica where Deportivo Saprissa, League winners for the last six years, have failed to take the title this time round. The new Champions are S.C. Herediano, who clinched the title with a 4-2 aggregate win over Municipal Puntarenas.

FACCHETTI "NOT EXPERIENCED ENOUGH"

G IACINTO Facchetti (below), the most-capped Italian player of all-time, has been refused permission to become coach of Lausanne Sports because the Swiss F.A. doesn't consider him experienced enough.

Lausanne approached Facchetti to take over from Miroslav Blazevic and within hours Italian sports papers were announcing the deal . . . even though it hadn't been concluded.

The Swiss authorities intervened and said: "We will not accept Facchetti's employment as he has no managerial experience and no diplomas. We suggest Lausanne employ a Swiss coach with a diploma from the Swiss Sports School."

It was a similar situation to that of Hervé Revelli (ex-Saint-Etienne) who became boss of Geneva suburban club Chênôis. Revelli had to spend his summer holidays earning his diploma before he could take charge of Chênôis.



● The Swedish F.A. has approved a suggestion that in 1979, clubs be allowed to stage League games on Monday evenings. Monday rather than Friday, because many Swedes set off straight from work on Fridays for their country cottages.

BOB DYNAMITE ON THE MOVE?

ROBERTO, nicknamed Bob Dynamite, the centre-forward who was recommended to Brazil's manager Claudio Coutinho during the World Cup in Argentina by the head of the Brazilian F.A., is in the process of being sold to a Mexican club (probably América) for one million U.S. dollars. But fearful of the reaction of the crowds, the officials of his club, Vasco da Gama, are keeping negotiations secret. Though not very skilled, Roberto is very popular with the supporters because of his ever-fighting style.

Concluding our series in which we select a "team" from each Division on this season's merit.

THE Fourth Division this season appears to be a strange mixture of ambition and apathy.

Wimbledon and Portsmouth, Reading and Barnsley, Aldershot and Wigan represent all that is best about the Division. Rochdale and Halifax represent the worst.

There's a surprising gulf between the quality at top and bottom — more than usual among 24 clubs — and one can really see little hope for those clubs that finish at the bottom and are faced with the prospect of applying for re-election.

Nevertheless there's sufficient skill and style among those top clubs to form a very useful team indeed — and that's exactly what we're doing this week in completing our series of form teams in each Division.

The goalkeepers are vastly experienced and are bringing their knowledge, attained over many years, to bear.

Glen Johnson has signed a five-year contract with Aldershot, which shows just how highly the club rate his abilities. He keeps a clean sheet as often as anybody in the game and is a principal reason why The Shots have become a realistic promotion prospect.

Peter Springett is a god-send to player-manager Allan Clarke at Barnsley. His authority is clear for all to see and he is playing a major part in the club's revival.

Shortcomings

And Peter Downsborough is like good wine, getting better with age as any Bradford City supporter will tell you.

Doncaster's Dennis Peacock is another to have shone despite shortcomings in front of him, but the man we've chosen is one with a successful club — PETER MELLOR of Portsmouth.

Twice this season Mellor has come within a game of setting a new club record of eight games without conceding a goal. Sadly for him that elusive honour has just wriggled from his grasp at the last hurdle each time.

After all his experience with Burnley, Fulham and Hereford, Peter is one of the reasons why Portsmouth are at last moving back up the ladder and responding to Jimmy Dickinson's management.

At right-back we looked at the defensive records of the top clubs and invariably found each side had an impressive full-back.

Reading's Gary Peters is an excellent example of a player who has hardly given an inch to an opponent this season, while Grimsby's Shaun Mawer has inspired his club's healthy position with a string of fine performances.

Torquay's Ian Twichin has been a key man down at Plainmoor, while Ces Podd, the young West Indian with nearly 300 appearances to his name for Bradford City, has been playing so well he's fought off a challenge to his position from former England full-back Paul Reaney, now switched to midfield as a result.

Our right-back is a man in his

first season at Aldershot, the former Chester number two NIGEL EDWARDS. Particularly strong on the overlap Edwards has revealed himself a force in all aspects of his play at the Recreation Ground and has proved a very worthwhile buy for Tom McAnearney.

He could be a vital piece in the Aldershot jigsaw — the final slot that makes the difference between staying down and going up to the Third Division.

For the centre-back positions we again found no shortage of suitable candidates and there are several players perhaps playing below their true station.

Joe Jopling never fails to impress us at the heart of that very frugal Aldershot defence, Roger Brown, having left AP Leamington to try his hand at League football with Bournemouth has started exceedingly well, and there aren't many more formidable number five's than Darlington's Derek Craig.

Hereford are well pleased with the progress of their young stopper Julian Marshall, but we've gone for a player who's been



NIGEL EDWARDS of Aldershot.



ALAN CORK is leading goalscorer at Wimbledon.

On form in the

around a little longer, Barnsley's JOHN SAUNDERS to play alongside the equally experienced JIMMY DUNNE, of Torquay United.

Saunders has established himself as one of the best-equipped lower Division players throughout spells with Mansfield, Huddersfield and his present club, and is without peer in the air.

Dunne has one of the best left feet at this level of the game, not quite akin to Norman Hunter maybe, but still sufficiently good to make him one of the most educated defensive players in the Fourth.

That takes us on to the left-back spot and to wear the number three shirt we've chosen the equally cultured PHIL BURROWS, of Hereford United.

In his days with York City and Plymouth Argyle Phil was always a tenacious customer, who made up for his lack of inches — he's only 5 feet 8 — with uncanny positional

sense and great ball-winning capabilities.

He has continued to develop at Edgar Street and wins selection for our team ahead of people like Alan Wooler, of Aldershot, Phil Sandercock of Huddersfield Town, Billy Wilson, of Portsmouth and Joe Hinnigan of Wigan Athletic.

The Fourth Division is full of very capable defenders and equally adept attackers, but perhaps there aren't so many quality midfield players as there are in other Divisions. Nevertheless the men we've gone for have all proved themselves over a number of years.

There isn't a more enthusiastic player anywhere in the League than Reading's RICHIE BOWMAN who supplements all-out aggression with considerable skill and an ability to pop up with some very useful goals.

We've also been impressed by a player who left Elm Park because he couldn't win preference over Bowman, that's Roy Davies, now

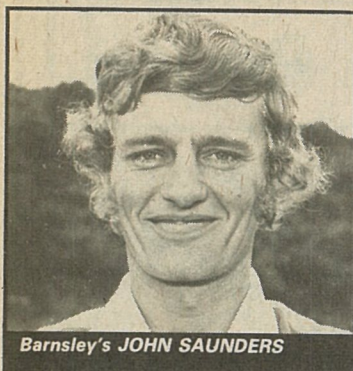
enjoying his football at Torquay.

Aldershot's Will Dixon is another fierce competitor, Rochdale's Brian Hart is unlucky to be playing in a struggling side, and Grimsby fans will tell you there isn't a better number four around than former Leicester striker Joe Waters, who has dropped back to midfield with great effect.

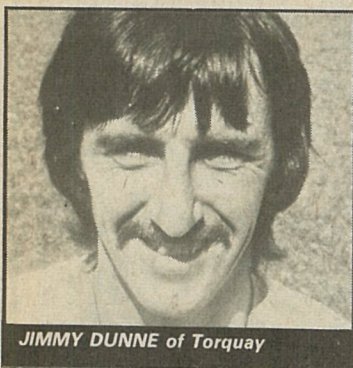
For the centre of our midfield we'd like Stockport's KEN FOGARTY to be pulling the strings. The Edgeley Park club think so highly of the man who's played almost 300 times for them, that in being persuaded to let him go to America for £80,000 along with Terry Park, they demanded he should be transferred back to them at the end of the season.

With better-known names around him like Mike Summerbee, George Armstrong and Les Bradd, Ken has been inspired to some of his best form this season.

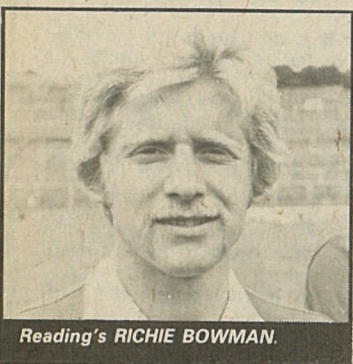
Park is also having a good season and won our consideration



Barnsley's JOHN SAUNDERS



JIMMY DUNNE of Torquay



Reading's RICHIE BOWMAN.

of the biggest grounds in the League really suit his style, and he's particularly effective going forward.

So to the front three and the search for the right blend with goals at the end of the graft.

Leading club Wimbledon provide the top contender in ALAN CORK. He hasn't quite maintained a splendid start to the season in terms of goals-per-chances, but nevertheless Alan has shown he has the right attitude and aptitude to make progress in the game.

To supply the sort of crosses Cork needs to get the goals we also go for a Wimbledon man, his talented colleague JOHNNY LESLIE.

Of slender build, but tremendous sleight of foot, Johnny is a very tricky customer on his day, and certainly among the best flankers in the lower Divisions.

So with Leslie firing over the crosses, and Cork hopefully converting them we want a strong forceful type to complete a formidable offensive — and distract defences, thereby allowing more opportunities for Cork.

For this role we thought of Stockport's Stuart Lee — an instant hit since his transfer from Wrexham, Aldershot's John Dungworth, who after years of getting nowhere with Huddersfield, Oldham and Rochdale has found his niche with Aldershot, Ian Robins a recent buy by Huddersfield from Bury, and an extremely useful one, Reading's deadly finisher Ollie Kearns and Northampton's burly George Reilly.

But our choice finally fell on the equally broad shoulders of a player who's been around a bit now — BERNIE WRIGHT of Port Vale.

In his first season with the club Bernie has maintained the sort of scoring form he always showed with his previous clubs Everton, Walsall and Bradford City.

Fourth

along with players like Lawrie Sanchez, the promising young Reading player, Portsmouth's extremely efficient Peter Denyer, Bournemouth's Steve Massey and Steve Galliers of Wimbledon.

For the left-hand side of our midfield though we plumped for ALISTAIR MILLAR who has been gracing the Barnsley scene for several seasons with that cultured left foot.

Millar is an extremely gifted player to be wallowing at this depth of the League, but he has been an extremely trustworthy servant of the Oakwell club, and Allan Clarke has quickly come to appreciate his talents in the push towards Third Division football.

Millar wins selection at the expense of a young man who's dropped three Divisions to get the taste of regular League football — Port Vale's Kenny Todd.

With Wolves Kenny found chances very limited, but at Vale Park the wide open spaces of one

Bernie combines surprising finesse for a big man, with hustle and bustle around the penalty-area, and he's the sort of foil for Cork that we were looking for.

So there is our Fourth Division team, good enough for internationals of the calibre of Allan Clarke and Ted MacDougall to be left out.

It's not that they are not playing well, simply that in our side their positions have been occupied by men showing marginally more consistent form.

For substitute we'll nominate Scunthorpe's KEVIN KILMORE. The Old Show Ground club once raised a player with the same initials who went on to become the best in Europe. I'm referring to Kevin Keegan.

Just to recap, our team is: Mellor; Edwards, Saunders, Dunne, Burrows; Bowman, Fogarty, Millar; Leslie, Cork, Wright. Sub. Kilmore.

PETER Marinello's second visit to London as a footballer, was vastly different from the first. A decade ago, Marinello arrived at Highbury in a blaze of publicity; advertising agents, Pressmen and beautiful girls searching everywhere for him.

But when Marinello signed for Fulham for £30,000 last Christmas, the Scottish lad slipped quietly into town, booked into an ordinary Earls Court hotel, and received no fanfares.

It was all rather a change for him, the lad who arrived in London with a big reputation but failed to live up to his billing. That Arsenal

times than bad and I felt I did play a few good games for them, including a couple in Europe."

So how does Marinello see the Fulham job? "The great thing is, there isn't the same big pressure on me," he says. "It's a great club, obviously smaller than Arsenal, but with big ambitions."

"Perhaps one of the reasons why I didn't do that well before was I missed Scotland. I always lived in Edinburgh and leaving so suddenly was a big shock. Perhaps that was always at the back of my mind then, whereas now, I really wanted to leave and come down here.

Why FULHAM will be better than ARSENAL for PETER MARINELLO

signing put him on the footballing map as the South's George Best. He had the looks but he couldn't produce the magic to match the Manchester United player. It all went very sour for him.

Marinello made his way home to Scotland and Motherwell via Portsmouth — "a struggling side and I didn't help them much," — was his frank assessment of an unhappy time at Fratton Park. But Marinello, at 29, suddenly received a second chance of showing Londoners he really could play and he's delighted with the opportunity.

He says: "I was playing for Motherwell and thought I'd finish my career in Scotland. But then Ally MacLeod took over as manager and he called me in one day and told me Fulham were interested."

"I was amazed. I never thought I'd leave Scotland again but when the chance came to have another go with a London club, I couldn't resist the challenge. I had a good time in terms of the life at Arsenal. And I felt I did reasonably well for them, even if I never quite lived up to what I was supposed to be."

"But I simply wasn't mature enough to cope with it all — either on or off the field. I couldn't concentrate on my football with all that fuss going on outside the club and I wasn't able to cope."

Marinello believes in terms of playing ability. Arsenal perhaps expected too much of him. But he admits he was also to blame for his inability to live up to expectations.

"I got involved in too many activities off the field," he says. "I wasn't concentrating on the football side of it, training and things like that. I was running around doing too much away from the game."

Marinello sums up the experience with this assessment.

"When I look back at those times with Arsenal, I can at least say I enjoyed it. There were more good

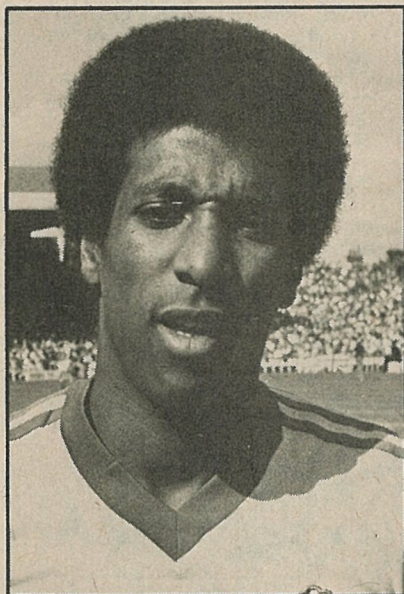


"I just want to impress Fulham and Bobby Campbell. He took a gamble on me and it would be nice to show him and the rest of London I really can play. Those Arsenal days seem so long away into the past and a lot of things have happened since. But I always felt I could play and now is my chance to show it to Londoners."

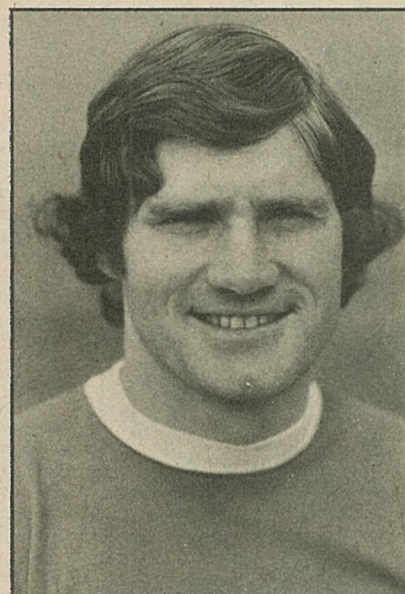
Marinello's role at Craven Cottage is to supply the big man in the middle — striker Chris Guthrie — with the centres. "Bobby Campbell wants me to get to the by-line and get in the crosses. As long as they are going over all the time, he's said he will be quite happy."

Marinello's early form at Fulham was most encouraging. Cambridge were hit for five in a League game and First Division Q.P.R. were then knocked out of the F.A. Cup in the Third Round, with Marinello laying on the decisive second goal with a centre.

"You can hold the ball easier down here than in Scotland because the referees are better and give you more protection," adds Marinello. "That will suit me and I'm hoping things will continue to go well for me."



between VIV ANDERSON (Nottm. Forest) and PAT RICE (Arsenal)



WHATEVER their reasons, the fates chose to match Nottingham Forest and Arsenal in Saturday's (February 17th) F.A. Cup Fifth Round tie, despite the massive tangle of unfinished matches that filled the velvet draw-bag.

Without doubt the match of the round, it brings together two of the best goalkeepers in the world, a mouth-watering selection of world-class players and two teams who, from four meetings since Forest's return to the First Division, have won two each.

Forest, League Champions, League Cup-holders and Finalists again this season against Arsenal, F.A. Cup runners-up and currently chasing a League and Cup 'double'. SHOOT brought together England full-back Viv Anderson of Forest and Arsenal's Northern Ireland skipper and right-back Pat Rice in a revealing Crosstalk about this marvellous tie.

ANDERSON: You could look on this as a decider, Pat, since we've both won two games on our own grounds. But I was interested to see the way Brian Talbot gave you an extra quality in midfield, a better balance, when he made his debut against us at Highbury in January.

RICE: I don't see this as a deciding match, Viv, because every game has to be taken on its own merits. But I go along with you about Brian. He is a tremendously hard worker with a fine right foot and he complements Liam Brady very well.

ANDERSON: We felt a little disappointed about losing 2-1 at Highbury because after leading 1-0 and playing so well, we believed we deserved at least a draw.

RICE: Yes, Forest did play well that day, but credit us with our fight-back and the fact we never accept defeat until a game is actually finished — one of the qualities I most admire in Forest. We know even to go a goal up on you means nothing unless we still have that lead at the final whistle. Some teams become disheartened when you go ahead, not Forest.

ANDERSON: We believe in complete team-work. This means working for each other for 90 minutes. We are geared to go forward all the time. That is our real strength, and we back ourselves to beat any team in the country playing this type of football.

RICE: That's not very different from our style of play. I accept we may attack in varying styles and approach build-ups our own way, but overall Arsenal play to attack, home or away. That's why we have scored more than 40 League goals already.

ANDERSON: I know all about your attacking style. I like to go forward myself, but I expect to have to keep my eyes firmly on Liam Brady



Viv Anderson gets in a shot despite the close attention of David O'Leary, in this term's League clash at Highbury in January.

and Sammy Nelson down our right wing — and Graham Rix if he plays my side. He tended to prefer the right at Highbury.

RICE: There you have mentioned three talented and left-footed players who can work as an attacking trio. Hopefully, they will curtail your attacking runs from those deep positions.

ANDERSON: Don't you believe it. I attack whenever I can. And the great thing is I am encouraged to do so.

RICE: I will undoubtedly come face to face with John Robertson again. And quite frankly, the place I'd most like to see him is sitting on Forest's sub's bench. But as that is unlikely, I will be sticking very close to John. I know how dangerous he can be if you back off and allow him to run at your defence.

ANDERSON: John is a marvellous natural crosser of the ball. A large percentage of our goals come from his ability to take on men and beat them then whip over a cross accu-

rately. You will certainly have your work cut out, Pat.

RICE: It is difficult to pin-point an area in Forest where a weakness can be found. I prefer to look on it from the point of view of what we can do over 90 minutes. And I know we can beat you. We have already done so twice in four meetings.

ANDERSON: You have also lost twice, Pat. It really comes down to which team gets the better of one of the best goalkeepers in the business.

RICE: There we do agree 100 per cent. Peter Shilton and Pat Jennings are in a class of their own. I have played in front of Pat for club and my country and I have never known a cooler, calmer, more commanding figure, especially when opponents put pressure on us.

ANDERSON: Peter was a major factor in our winning the League Championship last season. His overall ability, agility and authority make him something very special — the best goalkeeper in Britain, probably Europe.

RICE: Pat is worth about 12 League points to us per season — that's all on his own. His shot-stopping with every part of his body is a major feature of Pat's game. He gives the team great confidence.

ANDERSON: Peter's contribution can be measured the same way. Really, the game ought to finish 0-0 with two goalkeepers of this calibre on show.

RICE: But then we have world-class players outfield as well. Little separates our two teams and I believe the fans are in for a classic.

ANDERSON: No doubt about that. Doubtless a replay would suit Arsenal nicely. But I don't think we will allow you that second bite.



Ipswich's Clive Woods (white shirt) wrong-foots Tony Grealish of Orient in their first game at Portman Road. The Cup-holders won 2-0 in a replay.

F.A. CUP FIFTH ROUND PREVIEW

CUP-HOLDERS TO MARCH ON

FA. Cup-holders Ipswich emerged hot-foot from a chaotic snarl-up of fixtures caused by the big freeze as firm favourites to reach the Sixth Round.

Bobby Robson's Cup-fighters from East Anglia are drawn at Portman Road on February 17 against Second Division Bristol Rovers and are clearly on course to reach Wembley for the second time.

It is one of the few clear-cut ties in an "if" and "but" programme that has bewildered not only the fans but the experts too.

Rovers won a trip to Ipswich on the strength of their 1-0 victory over Charlton on February 5.

Steve White's 20th minute goal did the damage. Rovers' replacement for Paul Randall after the striker's £175,000 transfer to Stoke City in January poached the ball 12 yards out and punished a Charlton defence that was slow to cover.

It was a cruel blow for the London club in an unhappy season at The Valley, and dashed their manager Andy Nelson's hopes of returning to Ipswich for the first time since he left the club 12 years

ago. Nelson described the defeat as "our second worst away performance of the season."

Colchester's biggest gate of the season, 7,029, saw the Third Division club back in the big-time with a plum draw against either Fulham or Manchester United, F.A. Cup-winners in 1977.

Eight years after their historic Fifth Round win over mighty Leeds United, one of the biggest upsets in the history of the competition, they have won a home tie and the chance to produce another giant-killing feat.

But they were made to fight all the way to overcome a revitalised Newport County in a Fourth Round replay. The Welsh club had two fine chances to take the lead but Trevor Thomson missed them both.

The winner came midway through the opening half. Skipper Bobby Gough slotted in his 13th goal of the season after Steve Foley and Steve Dowman had cut out the opening.

Another club with a golden opportunity of upsetting the form-book are Crystal Palace. They meet

either Newcastle or Wolves, two clubs with formidable Cup-fighting traditions but little to shout about in recent seasons.

But Palace are on the ascendency, under the guidance of Terry Venables, one of the shrewdest young managers in the country. The London club will provide the sternest test for their visitors to Selhurst Park and will be hoping to produce the Cup form that took them to the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup in 1976.

Sunderland appear to have the best chance of shocking the pundits if they can overcome Burnley to win a Fifth Round tie against mighty Liverpool at Anfield.

Even Roker Park's most ardent supporters would give Billy Elliott's team little chance of toppling Liverpool, but the F.A. Cup has a penchant for producing miracles.

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Promotion chasing Aldershot and title chasing Shrewsbury provide an absorbing Cup-tie that will receive less attention than the others but is guaranteed to draw a large gate at the Garrison town's Recreation Ground.

Fourth Division Aldershot and Third Division Shrewsbury are both chasing promotion in their respective Divisions and could be forgiven for keeping their eyes on the League rather than the Cup.

Supporters of both clubs think otherwise though.

Leeds and Southampton fans will be hoping their respective clubs become locked in another Cup battle, following their epic struggles in the League Cup before Saints reached the Final.

But first Leeds have to overcome West Bromwich Albion and Southampton defeat Preston.

The best thing about this season's F.A. Cup campaign is that the weather can only get better... and fans are guaranteed a grand finale starting with the Fifth Round on February 17.

(We had to go to Press before some of the ties had been decided).



Crystal Palace (light strip) on the attack during their fine 3-0 Fourth Round win v. Bristol City at Selhurst Park.

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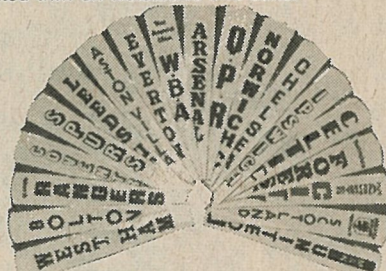
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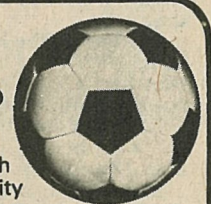
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WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Promotion and F.A. Cup Double

WEST Bromwich Albion are nicknamed 'The Throstles' and we wonder how many Albion supporters know that until the 1930's a throstle (or thrush) was kept in a cage on the ground at The Hawthorns.

The club was formed in September, 1879, when a local factory decided to start a soccer team. For a year they were called The Strollers before changing their name to Albion.

In 1885 the club turned professional and the following season reached the first of what was to be a hat-trick of successive F.A. Cup Finals.

Blackburn Rovers beat them in 1886, 2-0 after a 0-0 draw and a year later Aston Villa also beat Albion 2-0.

Success came at the third attempt in 1888 when Albion beat Preston 2-1. Their performance in the F.A. Cup won them a place in the Football League when it started in September, 1888.

Albion's second victory in the F.A. Cup came in 1892 when they gained revenge for their 1887 defeat by Aston Villa by winning 3-0 in what was to be the last Cup Final played at The Oval.

Aston Villa were Albion's opponents in the F.A. Cup Final of 1895, played for the first time at Crystal Palace and Villa went 2-1 up in the series by beating West Bromwich 1-0.

Up to April, 1900, Albion had played on the Stoney Lane ground and in the final match on that ground Albion beat Nottingham Forest 8-0.

Albion's first season at The Hawthorns, however, ended in disaster. The club were relegated to the Second Division for the first time in their history, but they bounced back to become Champions of the Second Division at the first attempt.

Two seasons later they were back in the Second Division and this time spent seven seasons there before winning the Second Division title again in the 1910-11 season.

Albion celebrated promotion by reaching the F.A. Cup Final in the following season. This time Barnsley beat them 1-0 in extra-time after a 0-0 draw.

The return of peace-time soccer after World War One saw West Bromwich win their only First Division Championship. Albion led the table from the start of the 1919-20 term and rarely dropped out of the top two places.

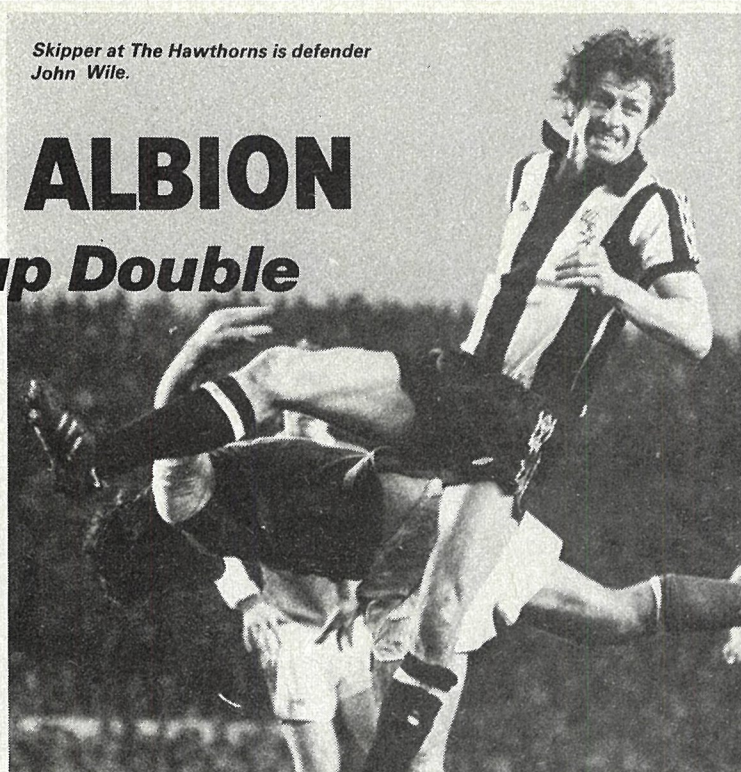
The great Jessie Pennington, who skippered the side, played 25 times for England and made 455 appearances for Albion. Also in the side were Tommy Magee, only 5 ft. 3 ins. tall, Fred Morris and Alf Bentley.

In the 1924-25 season, the club finished second in the League, but two seasons later finished bottom and were to spend four seasons in the Second Division.

When Albion won their place back in the First Division in the 1930-31 season they did it in grand manner.

No other team before or since has won promotion from the Second Division and also won the F.A.

Skipper at The Hawthorns is defender John Wile.



TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1973-74	Tony Brown	19
1974-75	Tony Brown	12
1975-76	Alistair Brown	10
1976-77	David Cross	12
1977-78	Tony Brown	18

Cup, Albion beating Birmingham 2-1 with W. G. Richardson scoring both of Albion's goals in the Final.

In 1935 Albion were back at Wembley again, but this time Sheffield Wednesday beat them 4-2 in the Final.

Bottom in 1937-38, the club spent four more seasons in the Second Division until finishing runners-up in 1948-49.

Ask Albion supporters which season was the greatest in the club's history. The answer will inevitably be 1953-54 when they were second. Injuries to 'keeper Norman Heath and full-back Stan Rickaby ruined their chance of the League Championship when they took only three points from their last seven League games and they watched neighbours Wolves win the title.

Albion won the F.A. Cup when they beat Preston 3-2 with a Ronnie Allen penalty minutes from time.

The F.A. Cup was paraded around The Hawthorns again in 1968 when a Jeff Astle goal beat Everton 1-0 at Wembley.

Albion's longest run in the First Division came to an end in the 1972-73 season. The team had stayed in the First Division for 24 seasons before they finished bottom.

Albion's reputation for short stays out of the top grade was kept up again. Only three seasons were spent in the Second Division before they finished third in 1975-76 and were promoted.

The club can also be proud of their League Cup record. Winners in 1965-66 when they beat West Ham over two legs in the Final and they have been runners-up in 1966-67 and 1969-70.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Results	Venue
Aug 19	Ipswich T.	2-1	H
22	Q.P.R.	1-0	A
26	Bolton W.	4-0	H
Sept 2	Nottm For.	0-0	A
9	Norwich C.	2-2	H
16	Derby Co.	2-3	A
23	Liverpool	1-1	H
30	Chelsea	3-1	A
Oct 7	Tottenham H.	0-1	H
14	Leeds U.	3-1	A
21	Coventry C.	7-1	H
28	Man City	2-2	A
Nov 4	Birmingham C.	1-0	H
11	Ipswich T.	1-0	A
18	Bolton W.	1-0	A
25	Aston Villa	1-1	H
Dec 9	Middlesbrough	2-0	H
16	Wolves	3-0	A
26	Arsenal	2-1	A
30	Man Utd	5-3	A
Jan 1	Bristol C.	3-1	H
13	Norwich C.	1-1	A
Feb 3	Liverpool	1-2	A
10	Chelsea		H
17	Tottenham H.		A
24	Leeds U.		H
Mar 3	Coventry C.		A
10	Man City		H
17	Birmingham C.		A
24	Q.P.R.		H
31	Aston Villa		A
Apr 7	Everton		H
13	Southampton		A
14	Arsenal		H
17	Bristol C.		A
21	Wolves		H
28	Middlesbrough		A
May 5	Man. Utd		H

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ALBION'S ROLL OF HONOUR

First Division Championship: 1919-20.

Second Division Championship: 1901-02, 1910-11.

F.A. Cup Winners: 1888, 1892, 1931, 1954, 1968.

Football League Cup Winners: 1966.



Jeff Astle (number nine) scores the winning goal against Everton during the 1968 F.A. Cup Final.

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WEST BROM



BACK ROW (left to right): George Wright (physio), Paddy Mulligan, Tony Godden, Byron Hughes, Brian Whitehouse (coach)

CENTRE ROW: Cyrille Regis, Mick Brown, Laurie Cunningham, Bryan

WICH ALBION



...k Martin (now Newcastle United), Ally
...n Robson, Tony Brown.

FRONT ROW: Derek Statham, John Trewick, Ally Robertson, John Wile,
Ron Atkinson (manager), Colin Addison (assistant manager), Brendan
Batson, Willie Johnston.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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PEN PICTURES

(L.App.—League Appearances, G.—Goals, S.—Substitutes. All records to the end of the 1977-78 season)

BRENDON BATSON: Full-back signed from Cambridge United in March, 1978. Born Grenada. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.7. L.App.— Arsenal 6 and 4 sub, Cambridge 162 and 1 sub. W.B.A. 5. G.— Cambridge 6.

ALISTAIR BROWN: Versatile player who has appeared in every shirt from number seven to 11. Signed from Leicester City for £60,000 in March, 1972. Born Mulesburgh. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— Leicester 93 and 8 sub, W.B.A. 117 and 14 sub. G.— Leicester 31, W.B.A. 30.

TONY BROWN: Midfielder or striker and holder of both of Albion's appearance and aggregate scoring records. Full England cap. Signed professional in October, 1963. Born Oldham. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 11.8. L.App.— 520 and 7 sub. G.— 205.

LEN CANTELLO: Midfielder who signed professional in November, 1967. England Under-23 honours. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 10.8½. L.App.— 265 and 4 sub. G.— 10.

Laurie Cunningham: Midfielder with England Under-21 honours and in the full England squad. Signed from Orient for £110,000 in March, 1977. Born London. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.13. L.App.— Orient 72 and 3 sub, W.B.A. 42 and 4 sub. G.— Orient 15, W.B.A. 11.

TONY GODDEN: Goalkeeper signed from Southern League Ashford Town for a bargain £2,000 in August, 1975. Ever-present in the 1977-78 season. Born Gillingham. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.5. L.App.— 48.

WAYNE HUGHES: Midfielder who



Laurie Cunningham, Cyrille Regis and Brendon Batson have set the Midlands alight this season. Ally Brown (below, right).

made his League debut v Aston Villa in May, 1977. Welsh Under-21 honours. Born Port Talbot. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.5. L.App.— 3 and 3 sub.

WILLIE JOHNSTON: Speedy winger with 23 Scottish caps. Signed from Rangers for £138,000 in December, 1972. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— Rangers 210 and 2 sub, W.B.A. 200. G.— Rangers 90, W.B.A. 17.

DAVID MILLS: Midfielder signed from Middlesbrough for a record £500,000 in December, 1978. England Under-23 honours. Born Whitby. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— Middlesbrough 261 and 17 sub. G.— Middlesbrough 69.

PADDY MULLIGAN: Back-four player with vast experience signed



from Crystal Palace in September, 1975. Has won over 40 caps for the Republic of Ireland. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— Chelsea 55 and 3 sub, C. Palace 57, W.B.A. 109. G.— Chelsea 2, C. Palace 2, W.B.A. 1.

CYRILLE REGIS: Striker who won his first England honour when he played for the 'B' side in Prague v Czechoslovakia in November, 1978. A bargain signing from Hayes for £5,000 in May, 1977. Born French Guyana. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 13.0. L.App.— 33 and 1 sub. G.— 10.

ALISTAIR ROBERTSON: Defender signed professional in December, 1969. Born Philipstoun. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.3. L.App.— 266 and 2 sub. G.— 4.

BRYAN ROBSON: Used by West Bromwich in midfield or in a striking role. Signed for Albion in 1972. Born Chester-le-Street. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.1. L.App.— 73 and 4 sub. G.— 14.

DEREK STATHAM: Full-back who may well finish the season with a full England cap, already capped by the Under-21's. Born Wolverhampton. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— 56. G.— 1.

DAVID STEWART: Goalkeeper signed from Leeds United for £75,000 in November, 1978. Scottish international with a full cap v E. Germany in 1977. Born Glasgow. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 13.0. L.App.— Ayr Utd 157, Leeds 52.

JOHN TREWICK: Versatile player often seen in the Albion side since signing professional in July, 1972. Born Bedlington. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.10. L.App.— 35 and 5 sub. G.— 5.

JOHN WILE: Central defender and club captain signed from Peterborough United for £30,000 in December, 1970. Born Sherburn. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.12. L.App.— Peterborough 116 and 2 sub, W.B.A. 300 and 1 sub. G.— Peterborough 7, W.B.A. 20.



Ron Atkinson with his £500,000 signing from Middlesbrough, David Mills.

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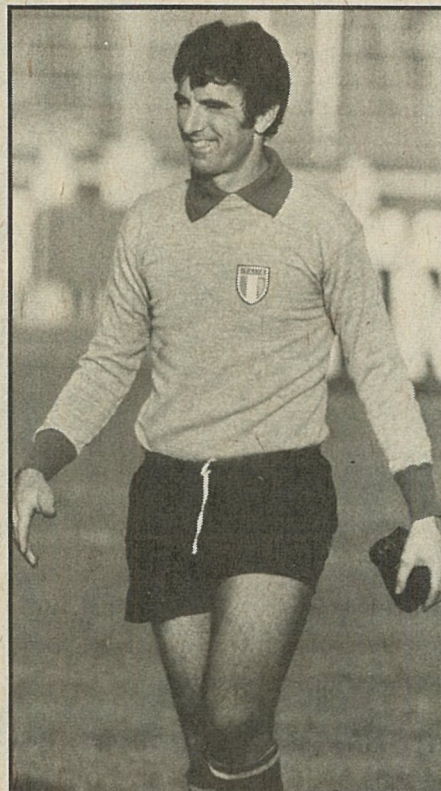
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Sharing a cuppa with United's newest recruit Micky Thomas.

'Fighting to regain my form- and Scotland place'

THERE'S only one thing worse than being dropped by your club — and that's being left out by your country.

As I forecast in my previous column in *SHOOT*, Jock Stein excluded me from the Scotland team scheduled to play Belgium at Hampden last week before it was postponed.

It was the first time in five years I had been dropped from the international scene — and it hurt, even though the decision came as no real surprise.

My form this season certainly hasn't been good enough to warrant a place in Scotland's side and I don't blame Jock Stein. Obviously he must select the players he feels will produce his strongest team.

The moment I knew I hadn't even made the squad was probably one of the worst of my career, because no one could be more fanatical about Scotland.

Except maybe my father. He went crackers when he heard the news.

But I certainly don't consider my international career over ... not by a long way.

In fact, Jock Stein has said he expects me to get back in the reckoning. So the Scotland ball is in my court.

I've got to keep fighting, plugging away to regain the form that made Manchester United pay so much money for me.

All players go through these bad spells, periods when nothing seems to go right. No one goes out on to the field intending to play badly. It just seems the harder you try the worse you become.

When players lose confidence the basics go out of the window. Tackles are mistimed ... passes go astray ... you seem more injury-prone.

Early Nights

I got so worried about my own form I thought I may not be living right. So I put myself on a salad and steak diet, ate plenty of yoghurt, had early nights and trained harder. But nothing worked.

Maybe when I eventually move from Leeds closer to Manchester the situation will become easier.

At least I'll be able to relax more. Driving, sometimes up to four hours a day, along the M6 can be shattering, especially in the severe weather we've had.

All I can do meantime, is to battle away and hope eventually things come right.

This is what Manchester United manager Dave Sexton is hoping for.

After such a fine start, with wins against Birmingham and Leeds at Elland Road, we've failed to maintain any real challenge for League honours. And we were beaten in the League Cup by Watford.

Why have United been so inconsistent this season? Not for lack of effort from the players and Dave Sexton I can assure you.

The boss has worked very hard trying to reshape the side, introducing different tactics in an effort to get us back into top gear.

United have been accused of being too defensive. That's nonsense. Dave Sexton is such a believer in attacking, positive play, there's no way he'd think negative.

Like several other top clubs, United have been hit by injuries to key players.

Stuart Pearson has hardly kicked a ball. He came back for one game and then twisted his knee again in our F.A. Cup-tie at Fulham. That was a shattering blow to Pancho just when he seemed to be recovering from his long lay-off.

Joe Jordan has been missing, so has Lou Macari. I've had a bad shoulder injury and then bruised a foot in a collision with Everton's

my soccer world

**GORDON
McQUEEN**

Mickey Walsh.

Even our new recruit from Wrexham, Micky Thomas, has had problems. He had a blister which turned septic soon after arriving at Old Trafford.

He's back in the side now, of course, adding width to the left side of the team.

We'd been a bit lop-sided since Gordon Hill's departure to Derby. Micky has filled that gap.

The crowd and the rest of the lads at Old Trafford have certainly taken to this bubbling little fellow from Wales.

He's brought new life and excitement to the team and the dressing-room. I like him immensely.

Another of United's few successes over recent weeks has been our young goalkeeper Gary Bailey.

It was a major shock when the

Fulham's number nine Chris Guthrie gave Gordon problems during their F.A. Cup-tie at Fulham.



boss brought him into the side after first Paddy Roche, and veteran Alex Stepney, had been given their chance. Then came the Jim Blyth on-off saga which could hardly have helped make Gary's introduction to the big time any easier.

But he had a tremendous League debut against Ipswich at Old Trafford on November 18th.

Ironically, Gary's father was a star 'keeper with Ipswich Town when they won the League Championship in 1961-62.

Gary obviously owes a great deal to his dad, and former United hero Harry Gregg, who is now back at the club coaching our 'keepers.

Harry's "transfer" from Crewe, where he was manager, was a shrewd move by Dave Sexton.

One of Gary's star performances came during our Fourth Round F.A. Cup-tie at Fulham.

They put our goal under a lot of pressure, but didn't really create too many clear cut chances.

Their number nine Chris Guthrie surprised me. I'd played against him before when he was at Sheffield United and had no trouble containing him. This time, though, Chris presented all sorts of prob-

lems.

United took the lead against the run of play in the first-half through Jimmy Greenhoff. He volleyed home a cracking goal, following a super pass from Pancho Pearson.

Fulham deservedly equalised in the second-half when John Margerrison headed under the bar from a Terry Bullivant cross.

Because of SHOOT'S printing schedules I had to write this column before the replay at Old Trafford had been decided. I just hope United made no mistake and are now in the process of preparing to do battle with Third Division Colchester at Layer Road in the Fifth Round this Saturday (February 17th).

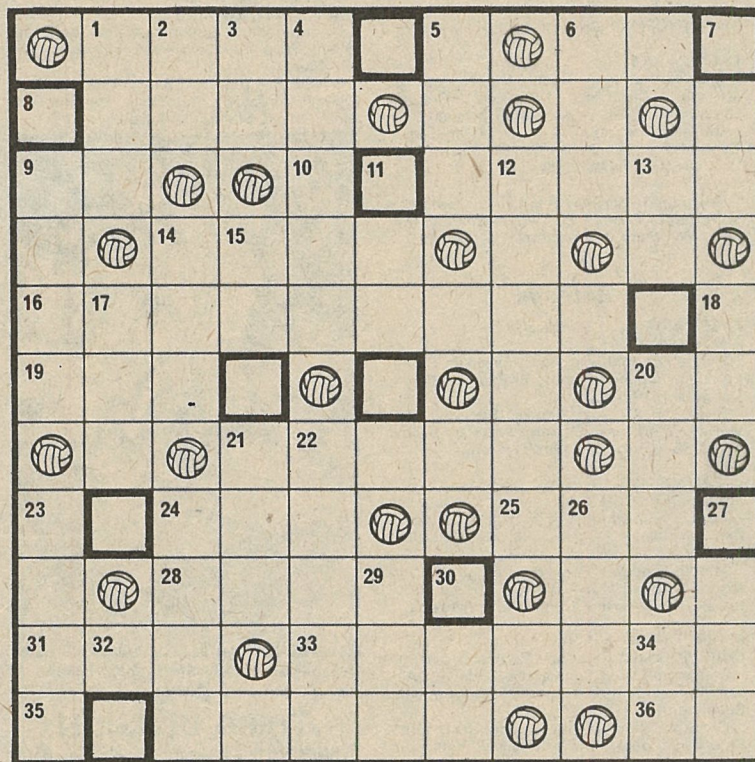
United are obviously the better team and should prove the masters, but I wish the match was at Old Trafford.

All the best.

Lyons Moore

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester City striker. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Tony —, Birmingham City mid-field player.
- (6) — Latchford, of Everton.
- (8) Tough fibrous tissue joining muscle to bone.
- (9) Mike —nderson of Sunderland.
- (10) Methodically arranged and not unruly.
- (14) A-d-r-h-t. "Blackthorn" from the omissions.
- (16) They were first used in an F.A. Cup match in 1955.
- (19) The following of Halifax and Huddersfield, as examples.
- (20) Frat--n Park, Portsmouth's ground.
- (21) Nickname of League top goalscorer of all time.
- (23) --an --u-i, home of Bournemouth.
- (25) Take four letters from "The Pot-ers" to make a pace.
- (28) Join together.
- (31) O-k--ll; ground of clue 6 Down club.
- (33) Descriptive of when every ticket has been purchased.
- (35) — United won the F.A. Cup in 1974/75 (beating Fulham 2-0).
- (36) — James' Park, Newcastle United.

DOWN:—

- (1) Neckwear which might be in the club colours.
- (2) Russell --ma- of Ipswich Town.
- (3) Ernie Ho-- of Queens Park Rangers.

- (4) — Park, Blackburn Rovers home.
- (5) Sorrowful — maybe after a defeat.
- (6) ---nsley. The Tykes of Division Four.
- (7) Terry —, English Division Four record goalscorer.
- (8) --e-f-eld Uni-ed. "Move" from the missing letters.
- (11) Take it easy — after a hard game, perhaps.
- (12) Go Ahead —, Dutch League club.
- (13) Brian —, Aston Villa striker.
- (14) Fell--- Park (Walsall). A word from the missing letters.
- (15) — Road Ground, Peterborough United.
- (17) — Street, St. Mirren's ground.
- (18) Wilf R--tron (Sunderland). The omissions reversed.
- (22) Pat Jennings, most-capped — international.
- (23) On the Football Pools three points are obtained for correctly forecasting a "score" one.
- (24) r--ad-rs. The letters from billiards sticks required to complete this League club from Ireland.
- (26) Rangers score in the 1977/78 Scottish Cup Final. (v. Aberdeen).
- (27) Take four letters from Southampton for a short golf stroke.
- (29) Kevin S---d of Arsenal.
- (30) — Park, ground of "The Biscuitmen".
- (32) Alan --st of Luton Town.
- (34) The G--ll-; Torquay United.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

MONDAY, JAN. 15

F.A. CUP (Third Round)

MAN. CITY 0
ROTHERHAM 0 26,029
Man. C: Corrigan; Ranson, Donachie, Power, Bell, Fletcher (P), Channon, Kidd, Fletcher (R), Hartford, Barnes.
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Standcliffe, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Smith, Crawford.

MAN. UTD. (1) 3 (Coppell, Grimes, Greenhoff, J.)

CHELSEA (0) 0 38,500
Man. U: Bailey; Greenhoff (B), Houston, McLroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Nicholl, Grimes.
Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Stride, Osgood, Droy, Harris, Britton, McKenzie (Stanley), Langley, Johnson, Walker.

Postponed: Hartlepool v. Leeds; Newcastle v. Torquay; Preston v. Derby; Stoke v. Oldham; Wrexham v. Stockport.

Replays

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Dungworth pen.)
SHEFF. UTD. (0) 0 8,321
Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
Sheff. U: Conroy; Franks, Speight, Kenworthy, Matthews, Calvert, Anderson, Guy, Varadi (Stainrod), Sabella, Hamson.

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Sansom)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 23,119
Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Fenwick, Hilaire, Walsh.
Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Burns (Ashcroft), Cummins, Armstrong.

MAIDSTONE (0) 1 (Coupland)
CHARLTON (1) 2 (Campbell, Robinson) 10,500
Maidstone: Guy; Kinnear, Edwards, Hill, Aitken, Merrick, Gregory (Hutton), Fusco, Budden, Silverster.
Charlton: Johns; Shaw, Campbell, Gritt, Shipperley, Berry, Brisley, Peacock, Robinson, Madden, Powell.

W.B.A. (2) 4 (Brown, T. 2, Batson, Brown, A.)
COVENTRY (0) 0 36,262
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson (Johnston), Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.
Coventry: Blyth; Hagan, McDonald, Blair, Holton, Coop, Nardiello (Green), Wallace, Thompson, Powell, Hutchison.

Postponed: Liverpool v. Southend.

Second replay

SHEFF. WED. (1) 2 (Hornsby 2, 1 pen.) a.e.t. at Leicester
ARSENAL (1) 2 (Brady, Sunderland) 25,011
Sheff. W: Turner; Blackhall, Rushbury, Smith, Pickering, Johnson, Wyld, Porterfield, Leman, Lowey, Hornsby.
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gitting, Rix.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

F.A. CUP (Third Round)

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 (Robinson, Nattrass pen., Withe)
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Lawrence) 21,366
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Mitchell, Martin, Nattrass, Blackley, Nicholson (Barton), Cassidy, Withe, Hibbitt, Robinson.
Torquay: Turner; Darke, Twitchin, Davies, Green, Boulton, Wilson, Lawrence, Coffill, Murphy, Parsons (Cooper).

PRESTON (1) 3 (Bruce 2, Burns)
DERBY (0) 0 19,884
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Potts, Bruce.
Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Webb, Carter, Powell, Caskey, Clark, Hill (Duncan).

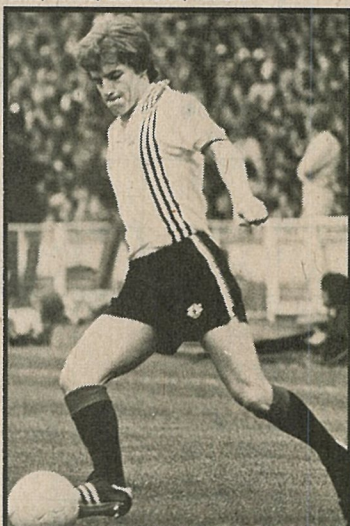
Postponed: Wrexham v. Stockport.

Replay

ALTRINCHAM (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Lee 3) at Maine Road 27,878
Altrincham: Eales; Crossley, Brooke, Allan, Owens, Davison, King, Heathcote, Johnson, Rogers Howard.
Tottenham: Aleksic; McAllister, Holmes, Villa (Naylor), Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Lee, Jones, Taylor.

SECOND DIVISION

LUTON (0) 3 (Moss, Price, Hill)
BRISTOL R. (2) 2 (White 2) 6,002
Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Jones (Stein), Price, Donaghy, West, Hill, Taylor, Hatton, Moss.
Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Harding, Day, (Dennehy), Taylor, Emmanuel, Hendrie, Williams, White, Staniforth, Aitken.



Manchester United's Steve Coppell scored in their 3-0 win over Chelsea.

THIRD DIVISION

SWINDON (1) 4 (Kamara, Serella o.g., Bates, Gilchrist)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Austin) 7,282
Swindon: Ogden; Hamilton, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Lewis, Miller, Carter, Gilchrist, Bates, Kamara.
Walsall: Turner; Paul (Kelly), Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Waddington, Austin, McDonough, Macken.

FOURTH DIVISION

GRIMSBY (6) 7 (Lester 4, Ford, Waters, Moore K.)
DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Cochrane, Stone) 5,378
Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Barker, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Lester, Mitchell, Cumming.
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Probert, Ferguson, Seal (Maitland), Wann, Walsh.

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Bradley o.g.)
DONCASTER (3) 3 (Olney, Laidlaw, Cork) 3,381
Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Bentley, Delgado, Harris, Hawkins, Bromage, Farrell, Wright, Todd, Proudlove (Sinclair).
Doncaster: Peacock; Olney, Snodin, Cork (Bowden), Bradley, Lally, Laidlaw, Owen, French, Meagan, Bentley.

Postponed: Halifax v. Scunthorpe; Rochdale v. Wigan.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

F.A. CUP (Third Round)

STOKE (0) 0
OLDHAM (1) 1 (Wood) 16,554
Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, McGroarty, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.
Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Holt, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Halom, Young Chapman, Blair.

Replays

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Case, Dalglish, Kennedy R.)
SOUTHEND (0) 0 37,797
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hughes, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Fairclough, McDermott, Souness.
Southend: Cawston; Stead, Yates, Laverick, Hadley, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Fell (Walker).

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Breckin, Green)
MAN. CITY (3) 4 (Owen, Kidd 2, Barnes) 13,758
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Standcliffe, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Smith, Crawford.
Man. C: MacRae; Power, Donachie, Owen, Watson, Fletcher (P), Channon, Deyna, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.

Third replay

SHEFF. WED (0) 3 (Rushbury, Lowey, Hornsby pen.) a.e.t. at Leicester
ARSENAL (0) 3 (Stapleton 2, Young) 17,008
Sheff. Wed: Turner; Blackhall, Rushbury, Smith, Pickering, Johnson, Wyld, Porterfield, Leman, Lowey, Hornsby.
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gitting, Rix.

LEAGUE CUP (Semi-Final first-leg)

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 3 (Birtles 2, Robertson)
WATFORD (1) 1 (Blissett) 32,538
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill, Bowyer, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.
Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Cassells (Mayes).

FIRST DIVISION

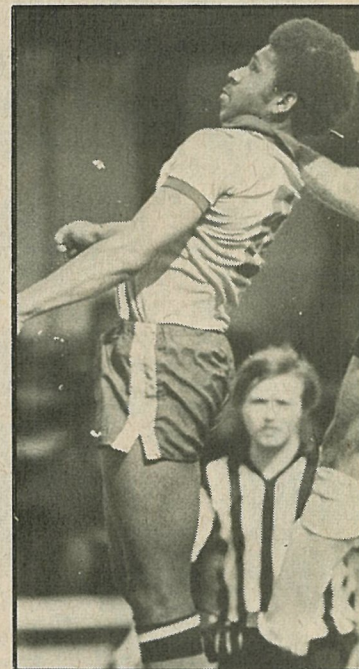
WOLVES (2) 2 (Carr, Bell)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 15,104
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Bell, Eves, Carr.
Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Curran.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Garner)
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Rowell) 8,130
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton (Morris), Garner, Radford, Round, Fowler.
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Arnott, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.



Kenny Dalglish was on the mark in Liverpool's 3-0 F.A. Cup victory against Southend.



Ricky Hill helped Luton to two points when he scored v. Bristol Rovers.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTER (1) 2 (Henderson, Phillips)
COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Foley 2) 2,339
Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Walker, Storton, Jeffries, Phillips, Sutcliffe, Livermore, Edwards, Felix, Henderson.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Bunkell, Allinson.

Postponed: Division Four: Halifax v. Scunthorpe.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

F.A. CUP (Third Round)

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Newton 2 pens)
LEEDS (3) 6 (Hart, Graham, Gray E. 2, Harris, Gray F. pen.) 16,000
Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (G), Gorry, Lawrence, Smith (T), Norton, Linacre, Goldthorpe, Crumplin, Newton, Loadwick.
Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Graham, Hawley, Currie, Harris.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

THIRD DIVISION

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Biggins, Chapman)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 2,119
Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Chapman, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Packer (Bunkell), Allinson.

Postponed: Division Two: Charlton v. Cambridge; Division Three: Tranmere v. Swansea.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

FIRST DIVISION

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Wark 2, 1 pen, Mariner)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Berry) 17,965
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Mills, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Daley, Bell, Eves (Patching), Carr.

MAN. CITY (2) 2 (Power, Futch R.)
CHELSEA (1) 3 (McKenzie, Osgood, Walker)
 31,876
 Man: C: Corrigan; Donachie, Power, Owen, Booth (Futch R.), Futch R., Channon, Deyna, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Stride, Harris, Droy, Wicks, Stanley, McKenzie, Osgood, Langley, Walker.

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Goddard)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Hodgson) 9,899
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Roeder, Howe, Hollins, Shanks, Francis, Hamilton, Bowles, Goddard.
 Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs (Hodgson), Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Cochran, Proctor, Ashcroft, Cummins, Armstrong.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hoddle)
LEEDS (1) 2 (Hart, Hankin) 36,828
 Tottenham: Aleksic; McAllister, Holmes, Hoddle, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Lee, Jones, Taylor.
 Leeds: Harvey; Stevenson, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Parkinson, Hankin, Graham, Hawley, Currie, Harris.

Postponed: Birmingham v. Norwich; Bolton v. Arsenal; Coventry v. Liverpool; Everton v. Aston Villa; Nottm F v. Man. Utd; Southampton v. Bristol C; W.B.A. v. Derby.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Jones o.g.)
STOKE (1) 1 (O'Callaghan) 23,076
 Brighton: Moseley; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan (Ward), Poskett, Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.
 Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Johnson, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

BRISTOL R (0) 0
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Robson) 12,418
 Bristol R: Thomas; Day, Bater, Harding, Taylor, Aitken, Emmanuel, Williams (Dennehy), White, Staniforth, Hendrie.
 West Ham: Day; McDowell, Brush, Curbishley, Martin, Bonds, Taylor (A), Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson.

C. PALACE 0
MILLWALL 0 21,142
 Palace: Burrage; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy (Gilbert), Swindlehurst, Fenwick, Walsh.
 Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Chambers, Kitchener, Blyth, Towner, Seaman, Mitchell, Mehmet, Chatterton.



John Hore played a vital part in Exeter's 2-0 home win over Oxford.

FULHAM (0) 2 (Davies, Guthrie)
SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Bolton, Rowell pen.) 11,260
 Fulham: Peyton; Strong (Evanson), Banton, Bullivant, Money, Gale, Davies, Beck, Guthrie, Margerrison, Marinello.
 Sunderland: Siddall, Henderson, Bolton, Arnott, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (May)
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Garner) 13,234
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Ridley, May, O'Neill, Weller, Peake, Smith, Henderson, Buchanan (Goodwin).
 Blackburn: Ramsbottom; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Morris, Radford, Garner, Fowler, Round.

ORIENT (1) 3 (Moore 2, Chiedoie)
NOTTS CO (0) 0 4,803
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Greulich, Gray, Went, Chiedoie, Moores, Mayo, Kitchen, Coates.
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin (McVay), Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

Postponed: Burnley v. Sheff. Utd; Cardiff v. Luton; Newcastle v. Wrexham; Preston v. Oldham.



Wilf Rostron was a member of the Sunderland side that drew with Fulham.

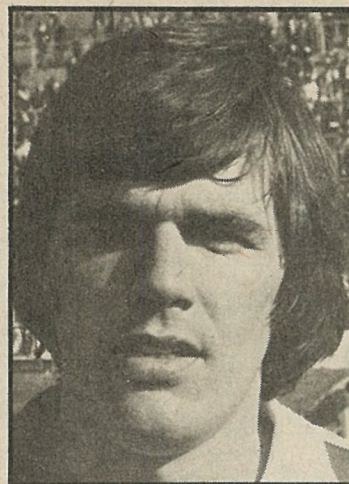
THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD 0
PETERBOROUGH 0 5,750
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Fraser, McNichol, Kruse, Graham (J), Carlton, Glover (Allder), Smith, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Anderson, Holman, Butlin, Cooke, Robson.

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Ludlam, Kemp)
LINCOLN (0) 0 3,892
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Ludlam, Kemp, Hamilton.
 Lincoln: Sivell; Guest (Hobson), Leigh, Cockerill, Wigginton, Cooper, Harding, Ward, Harford, Hubbard, Neale.

EXETER (0) 2 (Neville, Randall)
OXFORD (0) 0 4,532
 Exeter: O'Keefe; Roberts (Forbes), Hore, Templeman, Giles, Randall, Neville, Sims, Pearson, Delve, Hatch.
 Oxford: Burton; McIntosh; Fogg, Briggs, Bodell, Taylor, Graydon, Duncan, Foley, Seacole, Hodgson.

SWINDON (1) 1 (Carter)
PLYMOUTH (0) 3 (Trusson, Binney 2) 7,780
 Swindon: Ogden; Hamilton, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Lewis (Williams), Miller, Carter, Gilchrist, Bates, Kamara.
 Plymouth: Hodge; Uzzell, McNeill, Bason, Foster, Clarke, Silkman, Megson, Binney, Trusson, Rogers.



Ken Beamish netted in Bury's 3-3 draw against high-flying Watford.

WATFORD (2) 3 (Blissett 2, Jenkins)
BURY (0) 3 (Gregory, Beamish, Whitehead) 12,003
 Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Harrison, Joslyn, Sims, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Train, Bolton.
 Bury: Forrest; Whitehead, Kennedy, Lugg, Bailey, Tucker, Stanton (Madden), Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

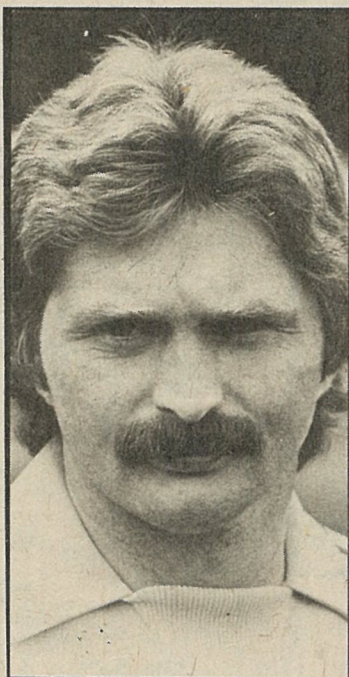
Postponed: Chester v. Gillingham; Chesterfield v. Hull; Rotherham v. Southend; Sheff. Wed v. Mansfield; Walsall v. Blackpool

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Dungworth)
TORQUAY (0) 0 3,658
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
 Torquay: Turner; Darke, Dunne, Twitchin, Boulton, Payne, Wilson, Lawrence, Coffill, Murphy (Cooper), Parsons.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Newton pen.)
GRIMSBY (0) 0 2,212
 Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (G), Gorry, Hogan, Smith (T), Norton, Linacre, Goldthorpe (Houchen), Crumplin, Newton, Loadwick.
 Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Lester, Mitchell, Cumming (Drinkell), Brolly.

Postponed: Bradford C v. Wigan; Crewe v. Hereford; Darlington v. Halifax; Doncaster v. Reading; Huddersfield v. Barnsley; Port Vale v. Portsmouth; Rochdale v. Bournemouth; Scunthorpe v. Northampton; Wimbledon v. Newport; York v. Stockport.



Jim McArthur kept goal for Hibernian against Aberdeen at Easter Road.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

HIBS (0) 1 (Duncan)
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Harper) 7,000
 Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Refvik (Higgins), MacLeod, Hutchinson, Callaghan, Lambie.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Strachan (Archibald), Rougvie, Miller, Sullivan, Scanlon, Harper, Jarvie, Davidson (Cooper).

MORTON (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 2 (Macdonald, Watson) 18,000
 Morton: Brcic; Hayes, Holmes, McLaren, Orr, Rooney, McNeil, Miller, Thomson, Scott (Russell), Ritchie.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth, Jackson, Macdonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Watson, Cooper.

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Pettigrew, Stevens, Clinging)
HEARTS (1) 2 (Robertson, O'Connor) 3,881
 Motherwell: Rennie; Boyd (Capaldi), Wark, Smith, McLeod, Stevens, Millar, Pettigrew, Clinging, Lindsay, Wilson (Lennard).
 Hearts: Dunlop; Kidd, Fraser, McNicol, Jefferies, Craig (Brown), Gibson (McQuade), Bannan, O'Connor, Busby, Robertson.

ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (Bone, Torrance)
DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Sturrock) 10,000
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark (Abercrombie), Bone, Torrance, McGarvey.
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Stark, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Phillip (Dodds), Sturrock, Payne, Kirkwood, Holt.

Postponed: Partick v. Celtic.

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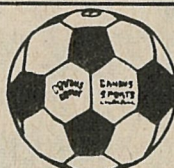
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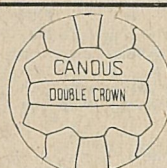
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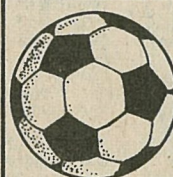
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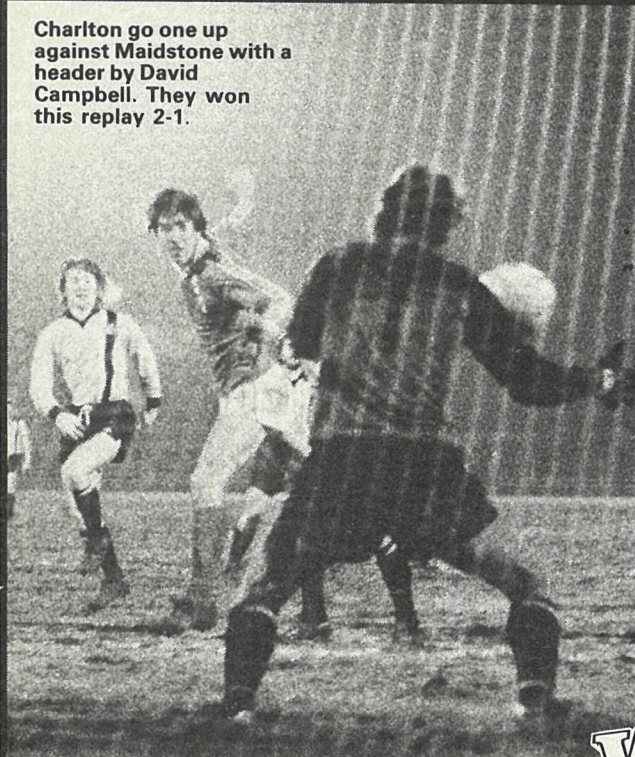
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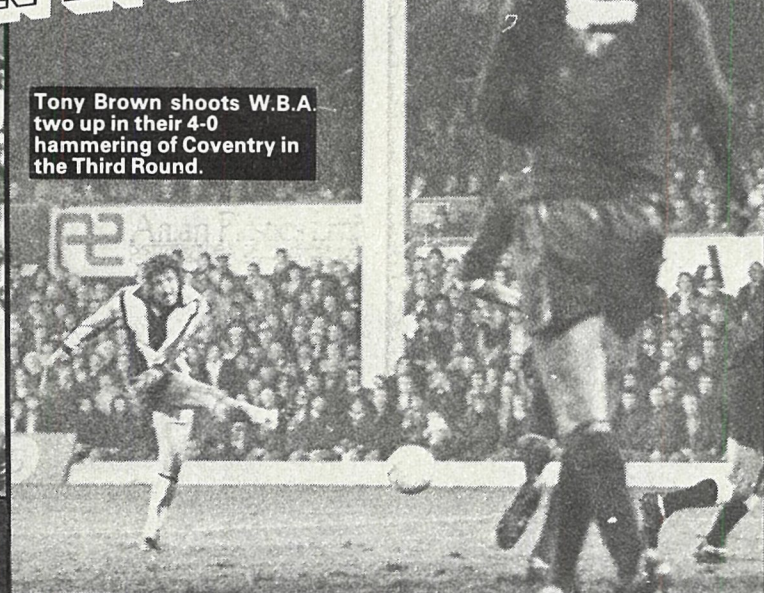
Dennis Leman (centre) scores in Sheffield Wednesday's 1-0 victory over Scunthorpe in the First Round.

CUP WINNERS...



Manchester City players are left standing... and Paul Maguire scores in Shrewsbury's shock 2-0 win.

Tony Brown shoots W.B.A. two up in their 4-0 hammering of Coventry in the Third Round.



Q.P.R. go out of the Cup 2-0 to Fulham at Craven Cottage. Here Gordon Davies scores their second.





BARRY POWELL
Coventry City

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FOCUS ON DAVID O'LEARY

ARSENAL

FULL NAME: David Anthony O'Leary

BIRTHPLACE: London

BIRTHDATE: 2nd May, 1958

HEIGHT: 6ft 2ins

WEIGHT: 12st 7lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None

MARRIED: No

CAR: Cavalier 2000 GLS Coupe

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Too many to choose from

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS:

Manchester United and Liverpool

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They

all give me a hard game in their own way

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: When I

made my Republic of Ireland debut against

England at Wembley, 8th September, 1976

BIGGEST THRILL: Playing in the

1977-78 F.A. Cup Final v. Ipswich Town

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing

to Liverpool in last season's League Cup

Semi-Final when I knew we should have

won

BEST COUNTRIES VISITED:

Switzerland and West Germany

FAVOURITE FOODS: Steak, Dover sole

and Hamburgers

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Going out

for a nice meal and drink with my girlfriend

and going home to my family in Dublin for

a weekend

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Flash

people who look down on others; and

hospitals

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The

Sweeney and many more

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Neil Diamond,

Gladys Knight, Elton John, Wings and

Eagles

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood

and Charles Bronson

BEST FRIENDS: My brother Pierce and

girlfriend, Joy

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

The coaching staff at Highbury and my dad

and uncle who came everywhere with me

as a schoolboy

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Playing

badly

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

Schoolboy, Youth, and full caps for the

Republic of Ireland

PERSONAL AMBITION: To win

everything in the game and to stay healthy

and happy

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: As above

and to be very, very secure when I finish

playing

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER,

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE?

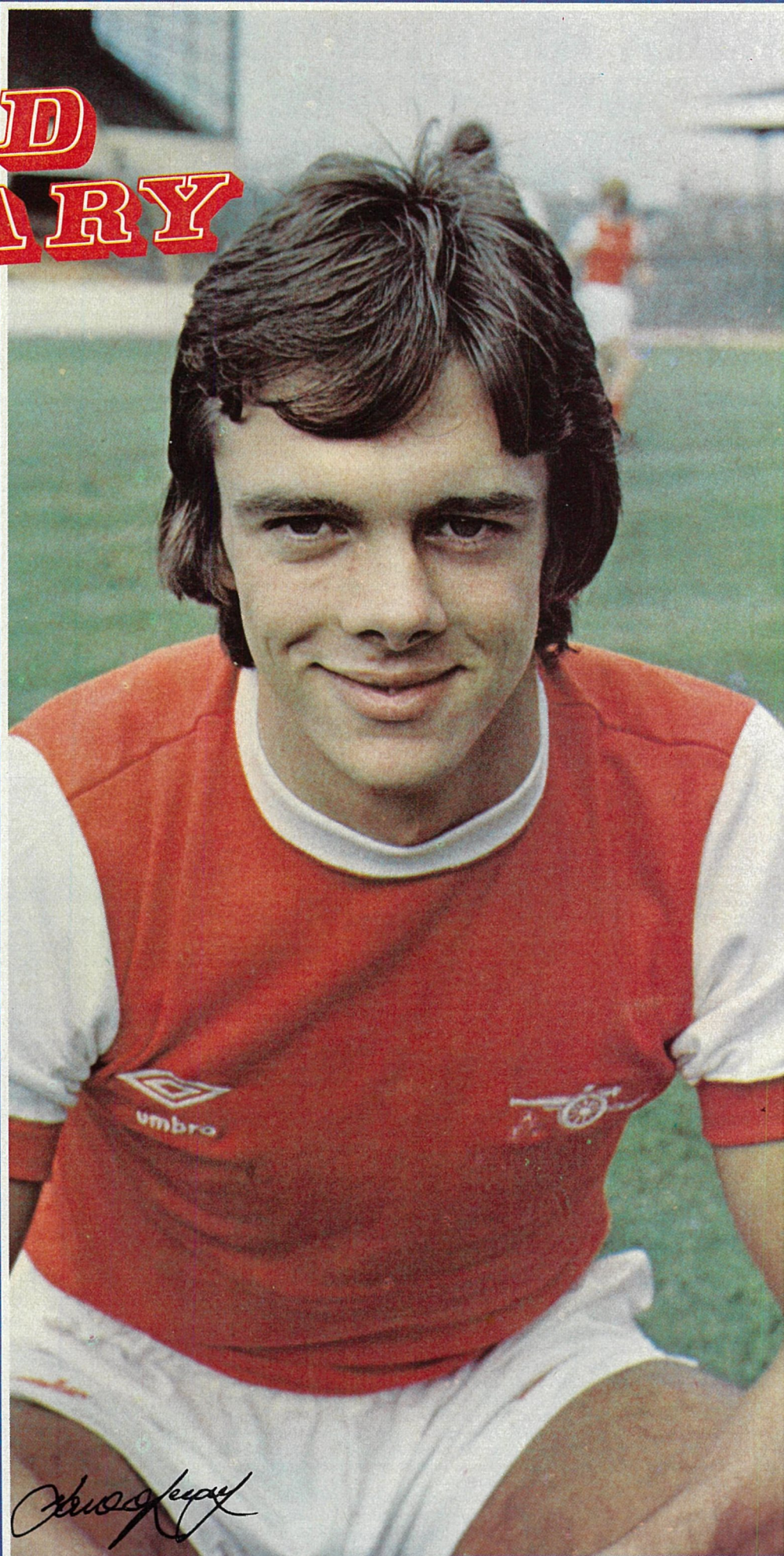
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WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD

WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?

The person who presents me with a

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WHEN HIS WHISTLE ~ BLOWING STOPS...



World Cup referee Jack Taylor reveals his retirement plans

cial department, will be ploughed into the scheme to create a new-look Molineux. Despite their current struggle to maintain First Division status the club recently embarked on an ambitious project which will cost over ten million pounds in the next six years.

The first phase — a two million pound stand complete with 42 luxury executive boxes — should be finished in time for the new season and Taylor is actively engaged at the moment in negotiations with local national companies.

"We're asking £15,000 over three years for the best boxes," he says, "and there is plenty of interest from the big firms. I'm sure they will all be booked by the time the stand is finished."

Taylor, clearly enjoying his new role, turned his back on a fistful of dollars to join Wolves. He received an offer from Phil Woosnam, the North American Soccer League boss, to take up a top appointment in the States but declined.

The job was eventually filled by another former referee, Sheffield United secretary Keith Walker, but Taylor is sure he won't regret his decision not to cross the Atlantic.

"I'm Wolves through and through," he says "and I doubt if I could be happier than I am right now in my present situation because I've always wanted to be involved with the day-to-day events at the club.

'Hobby'

"When I finished refereeing I discovered a huge void. Although it started as a hobby it grew and grew until it was almost like a full-time job. Then suddenly I reached the age when I had to retire."

Taylor, a master butcher, has a thriving shop in Wolverhampton but admits: "After being so deeply involved in football virtually all over the world and at the highest level I knew it wouldn't be easy going back to selling half a pound of sausages.

"I needed more and the Wolves job has supplied it. The club is not doing as well as we would like and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to help put it back on its feet.

"Wolverhampton is a relatively small town with a population around 250,000 and the days are long gone when people would travel from all over to see Wolves.

"Part of my job is to get out and about and having spent my entire life in the town I think I know what is needed. Part of the new stand, for instance, will be open to members of the public every day of the week and as well as generating funds will be an exciting new local facility."

Taylor clearly relishes the thought of putting Wolves back on the map and he could turn out to be one of the best signings ever made by the club.

WORLD Cup referee Jack Taylor is set to blow his whistle for the very last time. The man whose career reached its peak when he handled the 1974 World Cup Final between West Germany and Holland will say farewell when Liverpool meet Borussia Monchengladbach in Emlyn Hughes' testimonial match.

And he's delighted his last game will be at Anfield. He says: "I've always considered it to be the Mecca of football and the Liverpool fans are very special, even unique."

Taylor is sure to get a great reception from The Kop after remarks like that — and he's adamant it will definitely be his final appearance as the man in black.

"I'm almost 49 now and set to embark on a new, exciting chapter of my career," he says, referring to his appointment this season as commercial manager at Wolves.

"Yes, Wolves have always been the club for me," he admits, "and I'm genuinely excited at the prospect of actually being a part of the set-up at the club.

"It all started when I was asked to join in visits to social clubs in the area to help promote the club's new lottery along with former players like Johnny Hancocks and Jimmy Mullen.

"There's a lot happening here at the moment and I've got ideas I will introduce when the time is right. For the time being, however, it's all about raising as much money as possible."

The Wolves lottery will boost the funds by about £250,000 a year and this, together with all the other cash raised by the commer-



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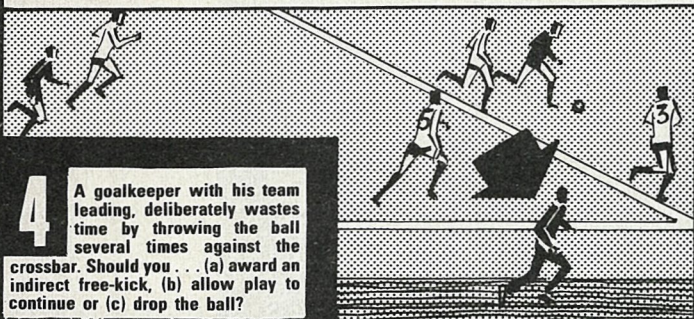
1 From a corner-kick the ball is kicked directly into goal with an attacker standing on the goal-line level with three defenders. Should you award ... (a) a goal-kick or (b) award a goal?



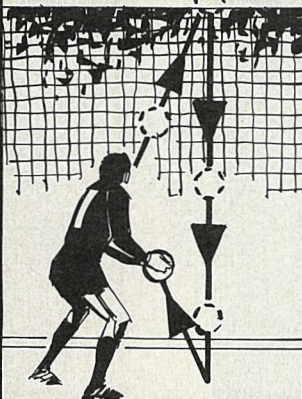
2 An attacker is not very pleased with a decision of yours so he picks up the ball and throws it into your face. Should you ... (a) caution him with a yellow card or (b) red card and dismiss him?



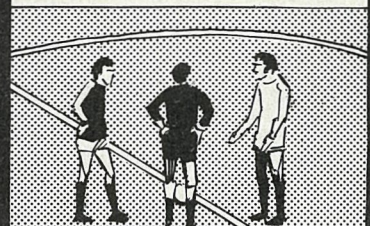
3 A substitute is running up and down the touch-line off the field wearing a tracksuit of the same colours as his team. Should you ... (a) continue with play and take no action or, (b) when the ball is dead stop the substitute?



4 A goalkeeper with his team leading, deliberately wastes time by throwing the ball several times against the crossbar. Should you ... (a) award an indirect free-kick, (b) allow play to continue or (c) drop the ball?



5 At the toss up, a team captain demands you should delay the kick-off as a player is still in the dressing-room. Must you ... (a) delay the kick-off or (b) start the game?



ANSWERS

1. Award a goal (b). 2. Red card and dismiss him (b). 3. When the ball is dead, stop the substitute (b). In the Football League we have been instructed to ensure substitutes do not appear to 'warm up' wearing clothing the same colour as the players. Before this ruling I have mistaken the substitute for a player. 4. Award an indirect free-kick (a). 5. You start the game (b).

Derek holds one of his most coveted awards ... **SHOOT'S Most Exciting Scottish Player of the Year trophy.**



'My prized possessions'

IT'S question time again in Tartan Talk as I get around to answering some of your mail.

The first letter comes from Frankie Williams, of Glasgow, who tells me he is a Celtic — who are they? — supporter, but I'm one of his favourite players. There aren't many like you, Frankie! I'm grateful for your support.

Anyway, he writes to ask me what I do with my spare time. There's a swift answer to that ... I don't have any. Or it seems that way sometimes.

On a normal training day I rise about nine and have a light breakfast before my wife Marion drives me to Ibrox. The gaffer, John Greig, then puts us all through the mill. Honestly, some of the training is so cruel that I sometimes think the boss could have been a member of the Gestapo!

It's sheer torture, but you've got to do it. The annoying thing is Mr. Greig is so fit himself that anything he asks you to do, you know he could do himself.

After training we talk about the forthcoming game. We never look too far ahead. There might be a particularly attractive match coming up, like, for instance, the League Cup Final against Aberdeen at Hampden on March 31, but we concentrate on the immediate match. We've worked on this principle for years and it seems to work.

After that I normally go for lunch. Occasionally, I meet an uncle of mine, a Rangers fanatic, who tells me whether or not I'm playing well! He doesn't pull any punches, I can tell you.

If I survive my uncle's "friendly" blast at lunchtime it's off home for me. I live in a nice new house on the outskirts of Glasgow. One problem is to find space for my trophies!

My wife Marion complains about cleaning them but always ensures my prized possessions are kept in tip-top condition.

I normally put my feet up for an hour or two, read the newspapers and listen to some of my favourite musicians, such as Rod Stewart, Elton John and Paul McCartney and Wings.

Being a Rangers player and their captain means I get a fair amount of invitations to supporters' functions up and down the country. If it's at all possible for me to attend I will ask John Greig for permission and I'll go. I see this as part of my work with Rangers.

I like to get out and about and meet the supporters. After all, where would football be without its life-blood? And if it wasn't for football what would I be doing for a living today?

That, in fact, brings me on to my next question from Jim Rankin, of Hardgate. He asks me what profession I would be in if I wasn't a footballer. Oh, probably a brain surgeon or an astronaut, Jim, if I had the brains.

It's a question I have asked myself several times. One of the main reasons I went to school was to play football. In fact, my headmaster once banned me from playing because he thought I was spending too much time away from my studies.

Thankfully, after the school team had lost several matches, he changed his mind and let me play again!

I suppose I wouldn't mind being a comedian. Don't believe the people who tell you I'm a comedian already ... especially when I'm trying to play football.

No, honestly, I admire comedians such as Billy Connolly and Andy Cameron. The latter is a Rangers fan and I can remember him coming into our dressing-room before the League Cup Final against Celtic last season.

There was a bit of tension in the air at the time and he really helped settle us with his off-the-cuff patter. Obviously it worked ... we won 2-1.

On a more serious note, Andrew Melvin, of Bishopbriggs, asks me for my saddest experience in football. Probably when John Greig and Tom Forsyth kicked me in training the other day, Andrew!

Actually, there's no truth in the rumour Tom eats ball boys before our matches. But I must say I thought John and Tom were a good double-act when they were playing side by side. John used to head down the opponents and big Tom would volley them out of the ground.

Seriously, Andrew, my saddest experience in football will be when I have to give up playing. That will hurt and it's a day and a decision I'm not looking forward to. One thing I do look forward to, though, is writing this column and I'll be back in a fortnight's time.

Cheers ...

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

TALKING about the state of the weather is a British preoccupation — but in recent weeks, with our freak snowstorms blanketing the country and disrupting just about everything, it's been justified and understandable.

I can't recall a worse winter. Its effect on football is a subject that has preoccupied many readers who have written to me.

In a recent column I suggested that a possible way to keep pitches playable was to spread them with straw, and this inspired Tony Ransom of Leatherhead, in Surrey, to ask me why I didn't plump for undersoil electric heating, as have Arsenal and Leeds.

Tony points out that Liverpool are at least as wealthy as either of those clubs, so why isn't the system installed at Anfield?

Liverpool have been influenced by the experience of Everton, our near-neighbours on Merseyside, who tried undersoil heating a few seasons ago and had problems with drainage.

Our board decided against taking the risk, on the basis that in a "normal" winter we would lose more matches through the ground being waterlogged than being iced-up.

Another reader, Martin Adams of Chester, asks whether I make any changes to my kit in wintry weather.

Only to put on tracksuit bottoms to protect me from broken bones or grazes when I go down on rock-hard grounds, Martin.

'Tracksuit bottoms protect me'

In freezing conditions, one's bones become more brittle and so more likely to break.

Playing behind such a strong, secure defence means I'm out of action for long periods and consequently I have more problems than most 'keepers in keeping warm.

I wear the same gloves, although many other goalkeepers make a switch. Incidentally, my particular gloves are due on the market soon, made by the same company who manufacture Peter Shilton's gloves. Mine are of a very different design, though, so you pay your money and take your choice.

The attempt by American club Washington Diplomats to sign Kevin Keegan for summer seasons caused Shirley Wallis of Gillingham, Kent, to ask me whether, as Liverpool and England's 'keeper, I had been approached to play for a club in the States.

No, I haven't, Shirley, for the simple reason the Americans have been made aware that Liverpool would not allow a regular first team member to play over there.

Liverpool believe that, after a long season in which we normally play something like 70 games, including those for our countries, we need to recuperate for the following campaign.

So far, only players such as Tommy Smith and Ian Callaghan, who have now left the club for Swansea, were given permission, at the end of their Anfield careers, to turn out in NASL.

'WHAT A WINTER!'



It's one of my ambitions to play in the States. Exactly when depends on how things go for me at Liverpool. Signs are it'll be a long time before my ambition is fulfilled.

Since the introduction of yellow and red cards by referees, bookings and sendings-off register more with fans.

"Have you ever been shown the red card?" enquires John Gregory of Peterborough, Cambs.

No, John — and I hope I never have one waved in front of my face. It's something a 'keeper dreads, especially for his loss from a team is

far more harmful than the dismissal of an outfield player.

Goalkeeping is a highly specialised job, and only a tiny minority of outfielders are competent to fill it.

I've been shown the yellow card on about three occasions, the last of which was in a League match a couple of seasons ago against Arsenal at Highbury.

The ref penalised me twice for taking too many steps with the ball before releasing it. Those readers who watch matches regularly have surely noticed how inconsistent referees are in applying the four-

steps rule.

There is a wide difference between refs' and players' understanding of the game, and it's becoming more and more noticeable.

Since the introduction of the dreaded cards, I can't recall an instance of anyone at Liverpool getting a red one.

This probably accounts in part for my club consistently finishing amongst the top three in the Daily Mail's Fairplay League.

"England was once renowned for producing great goalkeepers," writes Keith Sarson of Newcastle.

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer



'Sammy Lee inspires our Central League side'

"But where are the young, up-and-coming ones to replace the likes of you, Peter Shilton, Joe Corrigan and Phil Parkes? Don't you agree the prospects are poor?"

Far be it for me to knock my own kind, Keith, but right now there doesn't appear to be one youngster on the verge of breaking through.

A short while back, there was a promising cluster — Paul Bradshaw of Wolves, John Middleton of Derby and Mervyn Day of West Ham.

All three have suffered periods in which they have been dropped from their clubs' first teams and suffered setbacks to their aspirations to reach the top.

However, they are young enough to recover and, perhaps, eventually supplant Shilts and company.

The lad who has impressed me most this term is Southampton's Terry Gennoe, who put up a great show against Leeds in the first-leg of the League Cup Semi-Final at Elland Road.

Tony Godden at West Brom has done well keeping David Stewart, a buy from Leeds, out of the side.

"Can you give me any news of Liverpool's Central League side?"

Last season they failed to meet with their customary success and lost the League title. Are they back on top again?" So asks Dave Pearson, a lifelong Reds' supporter who tells me he emigrated to Wellington, New Zealand a few years ago but still tries to keep in touch with what's happening at Anfield.

I'm glad to inform you, Dave, that Roy Evans' lads are once again leading the pack, around nine points clear but having played several games more than their nearest challengers, Manchester United.

It's probably our youngest side ever, with around five or six lads of 18 years-of-age.

They, of course, are supplemented by signings, such as Steve Ogrizovic from Chesterfield, my deputy; and Kevin Sheedy from Hereford.

Several of the youngsters are showing great potential. There's Colin Irwin, a back-four player poised to step up into the first team before a cartilage operation. Now he's back in action and should be ready again for promotion, if needed, in a few weeks.

Captain and inspiration of the side is Sammy Lee, a player in the Ian Callaghan mould, who never

of adulation from the fans. Howard is similar to Davey Fairclough, inasmuch as he specialises in the unexpected. Not for him a boring square pass. He'll try something exciting, spectacular to make the crowd buzz.

This Saturday, February 17th, is the Fifth Round of the Cup. But as Burnley and Sunderland have still to play their Fourth Round tie at the

'Southampton's Terry Gennoe impressed me'



time of writing, with Old Man Winter showing no sign of releasing his icy grip on the North, there's a chance we may not meet either of them on that date.

Like Blackburn, the team we knocked out in the Fourth Round at Anfield, both are from the Second Division and we know little about them and their players.

The last time we played Burnley was in 1976, when they beat us in a League Cup replay at Turf Moor by 1-0. Just over a year later, in the First Division, we met Sunderland at Anfield and won 2-0.

Once again the F.A. Cup draw has been kind to give us a home tie, and the bookmakers have already made Liverpool favourites for the Cup, which makes us even more confident.

Lay Remon

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This week's Star Letter comes from D. Whitelaw of Gourlay's Wynd, Duns in Berwickshire, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

CRITICS SILENCED

THERE has been a marked silence from the August "anti-Argentine" critics recently. I refer to those who said — of Osvaldo Ardiles, in particular — that when winter comes he'll suffer with the difficult pitches and so on...

The winter has come bringing some extremely tricky surfaces, yet the Spurs man has continued to produce eye-catching performances despite the conditions.

Even in defeat he has excelled. Admittedly my views are from a distance, but watching T.V. and reading Press reports tell me Ardiles is playing superbly.

He shows no sign of fatigue and, as SHOOT pointed out, he is a big crowd-puller.

Indeed, the player's early critics have been so quiet lately one almost wonders if they have given up in disgust at being proved wrong yet again!

● Those who doubted Ardiles' ability to produce the goods are delighted to have the chance to see this world-class player regularly. You can read about the Argentinian on pages two and three of this issue.

T.V. TOPPERS FOREST

THE television and radio companies are under the impression everyone is a Nottingham Forest supporter. Almost every time I switch on the T.V. for a soccer programme there is a lengthy discussion about that team, or coverage of one of their matches.

Forest's European Cup-ties and a few of their League Cup matches have been televised, plus many League games featuring Clough's team.

Even Liverpool are not screened so much.

I do wish T.V. and radio would realise there are 91 other clubs in the Football League.

MICHAEL PACEY, LANCASHIRE.

● Contracts between the T.V. and radio companies ensure that there is coverage of teams from lower Divisions, as well as the First Division, Michael, but their executives will tell you that viewing and listening figures fall at such times. The majority of the audience demand that successful sides are featured and publicised.

ASHAMED

I FELT ashamed to be a Leeds fan, after my visit to Elland Road, when they played Manchester City. I was disgusted when the Leeds hooligans chanted to Asa Hartford: "You've got a hole in your heart, dear Asa, dear Asa..."

Their minds must be sick and it would have given me the utmost pleasure had Asa scored the winner even though I'm a Leeds follower.

I think Asa is a world-class midfielder.

JAYNE DAY, LEEDS.



● The ironic thing is Don Revie wanted to bring Asa (above) to Elland Road when the Scot was with West Brom. Hooligans are short on memories — and brains.

POSTPONE EARLIER

THE bad weather has again brought problems about postponed games. I think the guideline for referees should be "if in doubt, call it off."

There is nothing more frustrating for travelling supporters than arriving and finding the game's postponed.

It seems amazing to me that on January 13th no London matches were called off overnight, but only "heated" Arsenal actually played.

KEITH HOBSON, SURBITON.

● Referees, of course, are under pressure to allow the game to go ahead if possible, because no one wants a backlog of fixtures. I'd like to see an 8 a.m. inspection and a definite decision made then, before fans start out. If the pitch should become playable — too bad. Better that hundreds of fans don't have wasted journeys.

PEN-PAL

I'M a 19-year-old Dane and I'd like to correspond with Liverpool fans all over the world.

JORGEN RYHAUGE, BREDBJERGVEJ 14, 5320 ODENSE M, DENMARK.

'Tommy Smith, special permission to play in the States'

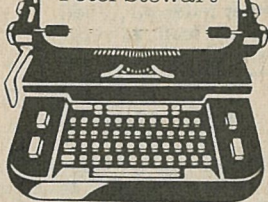
stops running or admits defeat.

Coloured players are making a big impact with other clubs, and we have one of our own at Liverpool for whom I predict big things.

He's Howard Gayle, only 19-years-old, 18 months at the club, whose fast, tricky, direct style has brought him a lot of goals — and a great deal

NEWS

Compiled by
Peter Stewart



DESK

Black spell for Turner

ARSENAL supporters will know how well Chris Turner, the Sheffield Wednesday 'keeper, is playing now he has got back into the team. He lost his place through injury (broken hand) on Boxing Day, 1977, and regained it when Bob Bolder broke his arm last October.

Both players seem destined to make their mark on the game and Chris, particularly in his F.A. Cup matches against Arsenal in the Third Round is making the most of the opportunity now he is in possession again.

Now, Chris Turner is giving Jack Charlton the problem most managers don't get — choosing between two first-class goalkeepers.

Get Well, Peter

PUPILS of Brightmet School, Bolton, designed a special "get well" card for Bolton's Peter Reid during his hospital confinement with a knee injury.

Peter is now at home with a leg in plaster. He was injured against Everton on New Year's Day and is not expected to play again this season.

18 YEARS — ONE BOOKING

ONE of the game's most respected players, Brian Clark (below) of Newport County, has been forced to retire due to injury.

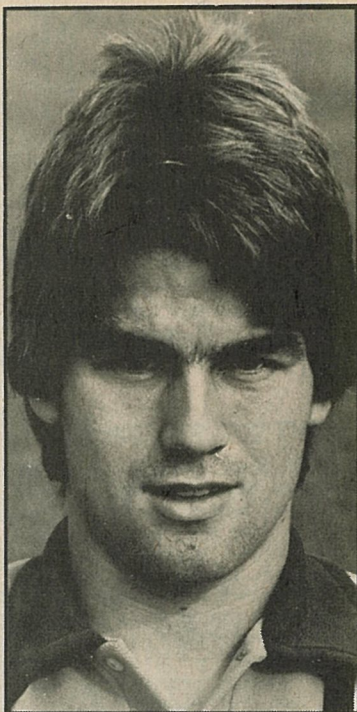


Brian, whose career began back in the early 1960's when he played for Bristol City has also served Huddersfield, Cardiff, Bournemouth and Millwall.

He received just one booking throughout his 18-year career, at Bournemouth in October, 1976 when Newport had two men sent-off in an ill-tempered game. Brian was cautioned for a challenge on the goalkeeper in which he claims no contact was made.

Brian, a close friend of SHOOT columnist Gordon Hill, will be carrying on at County as the club's reserve team trainer/coach. The youngsters could have no finer example on which to base their careers.

● Brian (below, left) scoring a goal against Bournemouth.



JIM McNICHOL

Scotland's future centre-half?

AN unknown Luton Town fan has put Brentford's bargain buy centre-half Jim McNichol (left) on the road to winning a full Scotland international cap.

Jim, snapped up for £30,000 from Luton last year, has already been outstanding in two outings for Scotland's Under-21 side.

Yet, but for the fan, it is doubtful anyone in Scotland would even have heard of him!

Jim was struggling in the Luton reserves early last year. But he obviously had an admirer in that fan.

He was so convinced his hero had what it takes to reach the top he wrote to then Scotland manager Ally MacLeod with a glowing account of Jim's skills.

MacLeod decided to gamble on the fan being right and called a surprised Jim into the Under-21 team that met America on Aber-

deen's ground.

Since then Jim hasn't looked back and after his outstanding show in the Under-21 victory over Portugal last autumn, many observers North of the border reckon he could become Scotland's first-choice centre-half in the future.

That would be a real turn-up for Jim.

He left home in Glasgow's Gorbals five years ago to join First Division Ipswich, but was released after a two-year apprenticeship and moved on to Luton.

Now he's in the Third Division with Brentford. "My career has gone up and down like a yo-yo," he admits. "But getting my chance for Scotland has encouraged me."

HAMMERS REJECT BID FOR POP

PROMOTION-hunting West Ham recently rejected a Sunderland bid for their leading striker Bryan Robson. Could be they'll be back at the end of the season when Pop's current contract expires.

GLASGOW Rangers' "Young Rangers Club" have just signed their 4,000th member.

Rangers midfield dynamo, Alex McDonald, achieved another landmark when he made his 500th appearance.

Out to boost Rochdale

JACK Butterfield, Rochdale's new commercial manager, is hoping to influence a revival of the town's football team.

"Rochdale is dying for a successful team, and I know my job as commercial manager is going to have a big bearing on the future of Rochdale and I am quite confident we are out of the rut and things are going to prosper at Spotland in the future," he says.

His first task is to organise a spring clean of the ground and offices. And he hopes the club's lottery can yield £3,000 a week.

Well done, these Lions

WHEN Millwall supporters step out of line it always seems to get a big write-up in the Press. So it's nice to record Sheffield United enjoyed their day at The Den. Here's what June Jenkins, the Secretary of the Sheffield United Supporters club, had to say when she wrote to Millwall. Her letter appeared in a recent programme.

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23rd October, 1978.

Dear Sir,
On Saturday October 14th we travelled by Coach down to Millwall to support our team Sheffield United.

We had a very enjoyable day, and we would like to thank your club and supporters for accepting us as visitors and extending the courtesy that we received.

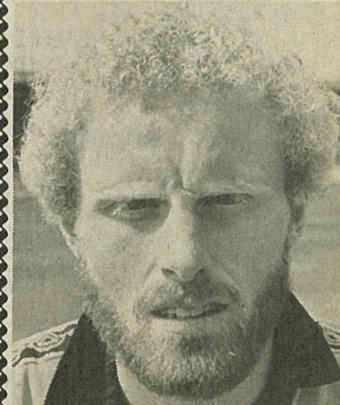
We have been to many clubs in London but never had the hospitality shown us as we did that day.

Once again we thank you and we hope that when you visit us in Sheffield, we are sure that you and your supporters will receive the same hospitality in return.

Yours faithfully,
June Jenkins,
Secretary Sheffield United
Supporters Club.

Nice one you "Lion Supporters" we could certainly do with more of these letters, even though they do not appear to be newsworthy items to the gentlemen of the press, it's more action of this kind that is needed.

CHANGE OF ROLES



FACTastic

CHELSEA once finished a First Division game with only six players! It happened on Oct. 29, 1932, at Blackpool. During the second-half Chelsea were forced to play against driving rain and icy snow and before the final whistle exhaustion caused five players to leave the field. No wonder Blackpool won 4-0!

'GET TO KNOW HAMPDEN'

orders JOCK STEIN

SCOTLAND manager Jock Stein's first decision after accepting his new appointment was to make sure every player in his squad was familiar with Hampden Park.

He plans to take all his players to Hampden before every international.

"In the past there have been players in the Scottish team who haven't seen Hampden until they run down the tunnel," Stein says.

"It can be a frightening place when you take the field for the first time, so I want the players to become familiar with the ground."

Stein will hold training sessions at Hampden before every international.

"I want them to become accustomed to the speed of the ground. What many people don't realise is it is faster than Wembley and a lot faster than most grounds."

Brothers and team-mates

IT rarely happens in modern times but there are a number of brothers playing in the Football League. Note all these current cases; Ron and Paul Futcher (Manchester City), Eddie and Frank Gray (Leeds United), Brian and Jimmy Greenhoff (Manchester United), Ray and Graham Wilkins (Chelsea), Gary and Mick Saxby (Mansfield Town), and Mark and Neville Chamberlain (Port Vale).

ULSTER juniors Cromac Albion, who groomed the likes of Martin O'Neill (Nottingham Forest), Gerry Armstrong (Tottenham) and Mal Donaghy (Luton Town), for stardom, recently caused a minor sensation when they defeated "B" Division Ballyclare Comrades to become the second consecutive Amateur League club to clinch the coveted Steel Cup, a top Intermediate award.

BANKS IS BACK!

GORDON Banks, Britain's greatest-ever goalkeeper, has returned from the United States to take up a job as coach to Fourth Division Port Vale.

Looking back over his career Banks, 40, has named his "Famous Five" strikers, and comes up with these names of the men he considered should be rated the most feared strikers in the Football League during his career.

His most feared opponents were: Ray Crawford of Ipswich, Ron Davies of Southampton, and Denis Law, Bobby Charlton and George Best of Manchester United.

Says Banks: "It was an education playing against all these great players and I intend in my position now as a coach to draw on all my memories of them to help the youngsters here at Vale Park. Timing is all important in scoring goals, and I hope I can pass on something of the craft of these great strikers. After all, I was able to study them better than anybody else."

ONE of the many players who have switched roles, Cambridge defender Lindsay Smith (left) has another claim to fame. Twice, after being transferred, he made his debut against his former club.

After several successful seasons with Colchester, mainly as a centre-back, he was signed by Millwall after a two-game loan to Charlton.

And his first game for the Dockland club was against Charlton, playing as a centre-forward and he had the ball in the net in the opening minutes.

But he only made three more full League appearances for Millwall before Ron Atkinson (now with West Bromwich) took him to Cambridge. His first appearance for United... was against Colchester and Cambridge won by a couple of goals.

Lindsay did not score but he still can't forget he was a forward and occasionally has a shot or two.

ONE club after another which had never previously risen to Division Two have made that ascent since the Seventies dawned. All these have done just that: Brighton, Hereford United, York City, Mansfield Town, Wrexham and Cambridge United. Whose turn next? Shrewsbury Town and Gillingham are a pair with serious ideas of completing that climb.

Sibley's first job for Walsall

THE accent will be on youth under Frank Sibley's reign as the new boss of Walsall.

He is likely to make the appointment of a youth team coach at Fellows Park a top priority.

Ian Paul, Don Penn and Paul Waddington have already been promoted from the youth team and more youngsters could follow them into first team football before the end of the season.

"You have got to have young players coming up through the club who are capable of getting into the first team," says Sibley, aged 31, who himself rose from junior football at Q.P.R. to command a first team place.

Sibley has been granted a two-year contract since the departure of Alan Ashman.



Charlton stars sign for SHOOT

OVER 300 SHOOT readers greeted Charlton stars Mike Flanagan, Dave Shipperley, Les Berry and Dave Campbell, when they visited Lipscomb Newsagents in Orpington, Kent, recently, to sign copies of the magazine which contained the club's team group.

● Photo above shows a delighted Brian Lipscomb with some of the readers who waited patiently in the freezing weather to have their copies autographed.

Below: The lads take a welcome breather from a stint that lasted almost two hours.



BOBBY MONCUR, manager of Carlisle, isn't too worried that striker David Kemp has not been scoring the goals many fans expected from him.

Moncur says of Kemp, who joined the club from Portsmouth for a fee plus John Lathan: "He's a good professional with the right attitude and I am confident the goals will come."

Kemp, who started his career with Crystal Palace and moved to Portsmouth in November, 1976, had both Aston Villa and Derby showing an interest in him before Carlisle stepped in.

A move — because he's afraid of his own fans

TONY TOWERS, who has been transferred at his own request by Birmingham City, claims he has been "scared stiff" to play in front of the St Andrews supporters.

Towers, a £140,000 buy from Sunderland some 18 months ago, claimed: "The crowd has been against me ever since I arrived at the club."

"The first mistake I made they would get on my back, and in these kind of circumstances I would not produce my best play."

"I feel it is in the best interests of both the club and myself if I move to another team as quickly as possible."

MIKO Nolan has only scored twice for Galway Rovers this season and on each occasion happened to be wearing new boots. However, Galway have enough financial problems besides buying Nolan a new pair of boots for every game.

BRAVE BARRY

IT takes a brave manager to sell his club captain on the eve of an important Cup game.

But that was the decision of Nuneaton Borough's manager Roy Barry. Twenty-four hours before the club's F.A. Trophy tie at Kettering, Barry sold Nuneaton's captain Dave Lewis and fellow midfielder Gary Fleet to Cheltenham for a combined fee of £3,000.

"I am re-shaping the team for the sake of the fans," Barry explained. "It is obvious from the gates we have been getting lately that our supporters are not impressed with the way we have been playing."



Fulham's strong man

LES Strong (above) is now in his tenth season with Fulham. The Craven Cottage defender was discovered when the Sunday side he once played for, Tulse Hill, were invited to Fulham for trial and Strong was signed as an amateur.

Since April, 1975, Strong has missed fewer than ten games. A run of 102 consecutive appearances was ended by a suspension in the final League game of last season.

Fulham are celebrating their own anniversary this year. They are 100-years-old, having been founded in 1879.

ANDY Rolland, the former Dundee United full-back now coaching Dunfermline Athletic, turned down the chance recently to take up a similar appointment with Hearts who are looking for a replacement for Bert Paton who has gone into full-time business.

With Dunfermline pushing hard for a place in the Scottish First Division, Rolland is anxious to play his part in fulfilling The Fifers promotion ambitions.

WALES were unable to accommodate Eire's request for a friendly this month but the side will meet in what is hoped will be an annual fixture on September 12th next.

Playing for Scotland means everything to Englishman HARVEY

LOYALTY to your country is a marvellous thing and I like the recent quote from Leeds United's David Harvey, who played for

Scotland in the World Cup Finals in West Germany in 1974 and was voted one of the best goalkeepers in the tournament.

He was asked what he would do if Jock Stein never included him in any of his Scottish squads, Harvey replied: "If I was told I would never be selected again I don't know what I would do... probably become an out-patient at the local mental hospital!"

Oh, I should point out, Harvey is, in fact, ENGLISH! He was born in Leeds of a Scottish father and that is why he is able to play for Scotland. Other players in the same category are Bob Wilson (ex-Arsenal), Alex Cropley, Trevor Ross and Bruce Rioch.

GARY'S FOR FOREST

WHEN Aston Villa's young midfielder Gary Shelton (right) offered the customary handshake and best wishes to Nottingham Forest players after his team's F.A. Cup defeat, he really meant it! For Nottingham-born Gary makes no secret he has been a Forest fan all his life. With Villa's early exit, there are no prizes for guessing whose F.A. Cup fortunes Gary Shelton will be following this season!

BRIGHT SPARK

NEVILLE Hamilton, the 18-year-old midfielder who joined Mansfield from Leicester for £25,000 earlier this year, is hoping to put a spark into the Field Mill team. And he can do it... he was an electrician before he turned to football.

Hamilton, who believes he is the youngest black player to appear in the First Division — he played for Leicester against Manchester United at Old Trafford when he was only 17 — found his chances limited at Filbert Street, and now his main aim is to help Mansfield climb back to the Second Division.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Steve Sims scored his first goal for Watford in a 1-1 draw against which Third Division club?

2. Johnny Giles resigned as manager of West Brom at the end of the 1975-76, 1976-77 or 1977-78 season to take over Shamrock Rovers?

3. Was Alan Rough in goal for Partick Thistle when they sensationally beat Celtic 4-1 at Hampden Park in the 1971-72 Scottish League Cup Final?

4. You should know brothers Terry and Kenny Hibbitt (right) play in the Football League. Which plays for Newcastle United and which for Wolves?

5. Who captained Southampton to their memorable 1-0 F.A. Cup Final victory against Manchester United in 1975-76? (Clue: he played full-back.)

6. Arsenal boss Terry Neill has been in charge of two other

League clubs ... can you name them?

7. What is wrong with this statement? Former Scotland manager Ally McLeod is boss of Premier Division club Motherwell.

8. In which season did England Under-21's replace the Under-23's?



9. If you followed The Villans, which club would you support?

10. West Brom's talented Cyrille Regis (above) joined the club from non-League Hitchin, Horsham or Hayes in the Summer of 1977?

F.A. CUP

The F.A. Cup Fourth Round was

played recently. Answer the following questions about the ties.

11. Bristol City had two players sent-off in their 3-0 defeat at Crystal Palace. Norman Hunter was one ... who was the other?

12. Third Division Shrewsbury Town shocked Manchester City at Gay Meadow when they beat the First Division outfit 1-0, 2-0 or 2-1?

13. Which club went into the Fifth Round draw without having kicked a ball in the competition?

14. Nottingham Forest moved into the next round when they beat Fourth Division York City 3-1. Where was the game played?

15. Arsenal progressed through at the expense of Notts County. They won 2-0 at Highbury, but what was the half-time score?

ANSWERS:

1. Oxford United. 2. 1976-77. 3. Yes. City Ground, Nottingham. 15. 0-0. Rotherham. 12. 2-0. 13. Wrexham. 14. Aston Villa. 10. Hayes. 11. Tom Leod not McLeod. 8. 1976-77. 9. City and Spurs. 7. It should be Mac. 5. Peter Rodrigues. 6. Hull. 4. Terry for Newcastle and Kenny for

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS:—

ACROSS:— (1) Towers. (6) Bob. (8) Sinew. (9) He. (10) Orderly. (14) Sloe. (16) Floodlights. (19) Town. (20) To. (21) Dixie. (23) Decor. (25) Step. (28) Unite. (31) Ave. (33) Self-Out. (35) West Ham. (36) St.

DOWN:— (1) Tie. (2) On. (3) We. (4) Ewood. (5) Sad. (6) Bar. (7) Bly. (8) Shift. (11) Relax. (12) Eagles. (13) Little. (14) Sow. (15) London. (17) Love. (18) So. (22) Irish. (23) Draw. (24) Cues. (26) Two. (27) Putt. (29) Tea. (30) Elm. (32) We. (34) Us.

Jumbled Name: PETER BARNES.

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Personal Callers Welcome

PARTICK THISTLE manager Bertie Auld has always brought style to the game. As a player he brought a swaggering, cocky grace to Celtic's midfield. He conducted the Parkhead orchestra with a finesse that pointed the way ahead to future glories.

Now as the manager of Partick Thistle, Bertie has remained just as colourful off the field. He puts a lot of thought into his football, his presentation of the Firhill side.

He is a sharp dresser, whose face is sometimes obscured by clouds of cigar smoke, and that expansive attitude is now rubbing-off on to his players. Thistle are fast shedding the tag of Scottish soccer's Great Unpredictables.

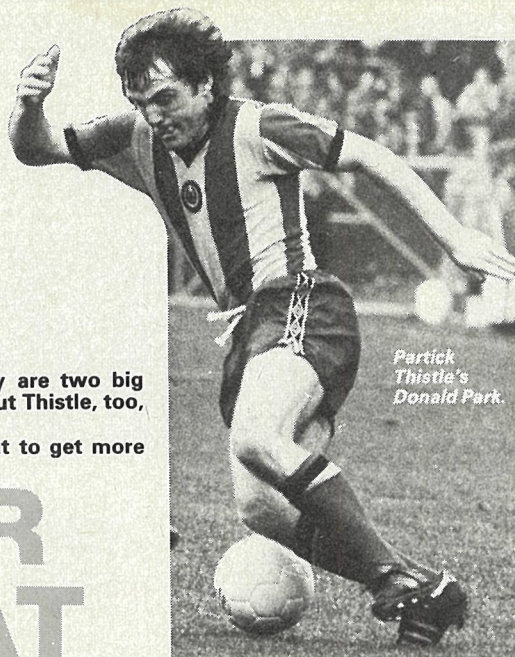
There is now poise and balance

team," says Auld, who has also played for Birmingham City and Hibernian.

"I've got good players here and they'll get even better when they have absolute belief in themselves and their ability.

"Sure, we may be in the shadow of Celtic and Rangers, but we are not overawed. They are two big clubs in a big city, but Thistle, too, are growing.

"It would be great to get more



Partick Thistle's Donald Park.

NO LONGER THE 'GREAT UNPREDICTABLES'

about Thistle, something they have lacked in the past. No longer does their form reflect a runaway roller coaster. They are playing controlled football and there is every chance they will do enough this season to claim a place in one of the European tournaments next season, possibly the U.E.F.A. Cup.

"I have every confidence in my

fans into Firhill. Atmosphere brings out the best in my lads. They thrive on the big occasion. We have a good, hardcore of supporters, but, like most clubs we could do with more.

"Thistle in Europe? It's a possibility, isn't it? Scotland could have two teams in the European Cup next season. Rangers could

win the trophy this year and we could take the League title!"

Auld produces a mischievous smile when he says things like that, but deep down he is not joking. He really does believe his side can go all the way and his refreshing confidence and clever planning are making Thistle one of the most attractive sides in Scot-

land this season.

They know when to play it tight and close up shop. It's a professional attitude they have lacked in the past. Thistle, though, are at their best when they are building from the back and taking the game to their opponents.

Auld has two attack-minded full-backs in Davie McKinnon, a bargain £15,000 buy from Dundee this season, and Brian Whittaker, who has been watched by several English clubs this season.

Jackie Campbell is a resolute defender who has given superb service to the club for 15 years. Thistle want to give him a testimonial this year and they had planned to invite a Scottish international side to play a Thistle Select.

Display

A similar match took place last season when John Greig received his testimonial and Rangers walloped a Scottish team with players such as Bruce Rioch, Gordon McQueen, John Robertson and Archie Gemmill on display.

However, the SFA turned down Thistle's request and immediately people were saying: Surely the Scottish international side isn't afraid of taking on Partick Thistle?

That may be a joke, but the Firhill flyers are the team who are having the last laugh these days. Bertie Auld, master planner and shrewd tactician, has brought his own brand of class and style to Firhill. It is likely to remain there for a long, long time.

PAUL STURROCK—UNITED'S STRUGGLING STAR

THE conveyor belt of talent at Tannadice has brought players such as Andy Gray, Davie Narey, Raymond Stewart, Graeme Payne, John Holt, Davie Dodds and Paul Sturrock to the limelight.

Dundee United's gate has been boosted in recent years by visits from envious managers of rival clubs and their talent scouts.

Most of Jim McLean's babes have dazzled the fans and bewildered opponents with their spectacular skills. The majority of the players have lived up to their potential, but it appears Paul Sturrock, thought to be the best of the group three years ago, has somehow lost his direction.

Sturrock has played in just about every position along United's front line and possibly this versatility has affected his form. The lightning-swift player has disappointed some of his admirers with his inconsistency over recent seasons.

An Under-21 international, he should be knocking on the door of the full team by now. Manager Jock Stein knows well the qualities of the young United players and, in fact, gave Narey a place in his midfield for a European Championship match against Portugal in Lisbon last year and cen-

tre-half Paul Hegarty has been included in recent pools.

Sturrock, who had a head start on both Narey and Hegarty on the international front now looks in from the cold.

United are on the up and up at the moment as they become the biggest threat to the Old Firm's domination of Scottish soccer. It was back in 1965 when a provincial club last won the League.

That team was Kilmarnock, but since then not one outside Celtic or Rangers has claimed the League title. United hope to manage it this season and to do so will need players of the calibre of Paul Sturrock playing to the full extent of their ability.

The lean and clever Sturrock is an invaluable player to Jim McLean's squad, but, really, he should be demonstrating his undoubted ability in the first team every week.

Sturrock relies on skill. He likes to take on defenders, dragging the ball to the line before getting it into the danger zone. But his skill is not confined only to making goals. He has a blistering shot that has brought him many vital and valuable goals over the years.

Three years ago he scored

against Rangers at Ibrox, a great goal that is still talked about.

A cross from the wing wasn't cleared properly and it dropped to Sturrock who took a couple of steps forward before catching the ball full on the volley and sending his effort raging over the stranded Stewart Kennedy into the net.

Consistency

Sturrock is a young player who will undoubtedly come good and combine his class with the needed and expected consistency.

He asked for a transfer this season, but obviously boss McLean does not want to sell anyone who could be valuable to his plans for United. Sturrock had a return to form at one stage of the season then he lost it again and, with it, his first team place.

This term could be the one in which Sturrock finally fulfills his promise. It wouldn't be accurate to say this is his make-or-break year—he is too young to face that hurdle just yet—but it would be good to see something emerging for the player and United this season.

Sturrock has never been frightened to answer his critics. He won't shirk that task now.



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